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Moscow orders Poles to replace their party leaders

From Richard Davy and Dessa Trevisan, Warsaw, June 7

An extremely tough letter verging on an ultimatum has reached the Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party from the Soviet Central Committee. The Polish Politburo was in session this afternoon and is to resume tomorrow.

It was announced tonight that a full meeting of the Central Committee will meet on Tuesday.

The letter, which has not been released in Warsaw, is believed to accuse the present leadership of breaking promises given to the Soviet Union. Mr Stanislaw Kania, the party leader, and General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Prime Minister, are mentioned by name.

The Soviet Central Committee reportedly calls for a change of course and firm measures against allegedly counter-revolutionary tendencies in the party. It says ominously that it is prepared to help.

It suggests that the party congress scheduled for July 14 which is expected to bring sweeping changes, could spell the end of the party.

It is not yet clear whether the letter is intended to be a real ultimatum or whether it is yet another move in the psychological warfare against Poland but it is being taken very seriously here because it seems to be demanding the removal of the present leaders.

The Polish Central Committee which has the power to change the leadership, consists almost entirely of members chosen before the present reform movement, whereas most of the regional leaders have been changed.

It is feared that if the Central Committee gives way to Soviet pressure and removes the present leadership the main body of the party across the nation will object, thereby precipitating a major crisis.

For some time it has been clear that the Soviet Union was losing confidence in the present leadership. Marshal Viktor Kulikov, the commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, who was here 10 days ago for a very brief visit, is believed to be here again.

The new tension had been reflected in speeches made by Polish leaders at party meetings this weekend. Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of negotiations with the unions, has voiced serious misgivings about the intentions of Solidarity.

Noting that Solidarity was more than a trade union, it was a social movement, he said: "Social movement is incompatible with a certain current in Solidarity for whom politics is their element and attacking the authorities their daily bread.

"Is it only a social movement, now after 10 months? Are we dealing with young and not so young people learning the political thinking, whom we must forgive and pamper on a national scale? They probably want to be pampered abroad, by the Soviet Union."

Mr Rakowski said that in the days and weeks to come, each party member must determine which side he was on. "The question of power is on the daily agenda in Poland. Not the power of Kania, nor of Jaruzelski, nor of mine, but the people's power.

"This power is in danger and as a result so is the existence of the state of people's Poland," he added.

Mr Kania accused of breaking promise

☐ Moscow: In accusing the Polish leadership of breaking promises given to the Soviet Union, the Russians are referring, in particular, to the public undertaking Mr Kania and his colleagues gave in Moscow in March that they would "turn the course of events" in Poland and strengthen socialism (Michael Binyon writes).

The promise was made at a summit meeting immediately after the Soviet party congress, when President Brezhnev and Politburo members responsible for defence, security and ideology gave the Poles a warning to put their house in order.

The Russians are also believed to have put brutal pressure on the Poles to postpone party congress until the Polish party had regained control of the situation.

No public mention was made of this, but in the communiqué Mr Kania and General Jaruzelski pledged that they would overcome anarchy and disarray, and give a "firm rebuff" to attempts from within Poland, or outside, to undermine Polish society. By this, the Russians clearly understood that the Poles would take firm measures to reassert the party's authority.

These promises were extracted after what was clearly some plain speaking by the Russians. They were matched by Soviet declarations that the Russians and their allies would give the Polish party "all necessary support" to "radically improve" the situation.

But within a week it was clear that the Russians felt deceived. Warsaw briefly arrested leading dissidents but then released them, and did not crack down on Solidarity, as Moscow believed it was promised.

Furthermore, in spite of Soviet disapproval, the party congress was set for July, and new liberal conditions were set for the election of delegates. Soviet disillusion with Mr Kania seems to stem from this date.

Since then the Russians have had a number of meetings with Polish leaders, including one when Mr Mikhail Suslov, the Kremlin's veteran hardline ideologist, went to Warsaw. But whatever he was promised then appears not to have been satisfactory to Moscow, for the press campaign against Poland has become markedly more abrasive. In the past week, the attacks have become clearly directed at the Polish party leadership itself, foreshadowing the showdown now apparent from the Central Committee letter.



Mr Kania: Mentioned by name

Politicians face secret ballot

☐ Warsaw: Poland's leading party politicians are now, in effect, running for reelection (Our Correspondent writes). Unless they can get themselves elected as delegates to the party congress, they cannot become members of the Central

Whereas previously they were nominated from the top, they now have to face genuinely democratic secret ballots at local and district elections which are now taking place throughout the country.

They have to account not only for their past performances and give their views on the party's plans for the future, but also answer probing questions about their personal wealth and family relations.

So far, only Mr Kazimierz Barczikowkski, a full member of the ruling Politburo, has surmounted this hurdle.



Princess Michael of Kent with her daughter, who was born in April and will be christened Lady Gabriele Marina Alexandra Ophelia, at St James's Palace today.

Jenkins ready to fight Warrington for SDP

By George Clark, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Jenkins, aged 60, a former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer and President of the EEC Commission, is to be the first of the joint leaders of the new Social Democratic Party to fight for a seat in Parliament. He is expected to be adopted as SDP candidate in the Warrington by-election on Thursday.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal party leader, who has had talks with the Social Democrats since Mrs Shirley Williams decided not to fight, urged that Mr Jenkins should stand.

He said last night: "I am delighted with the news that Roy Jenkins is to meet the Warrington people on Thursday with a view to adoption as their candidate.

"I have spoken to him this evening and he is arranging to meet the Liberals in Warrington as soon as possible thereafter. This will be an historic by-election."

With a world-renowned politician and statesman as candidate, the main conditions which the Liberals laid down for collaboration have been met, and plans are going ahead for a joint campaign to capture the seat from Labour.

If Mr Jenkins succeeds it will be a great fillip to the new party's prospects at the next general election. Mr William Rodgers, another of the joint leaders, who is MP for Teesside, Stockton, said last night: "I think Roy's decision will lift the spirits of all our members throughout the country. It is a very exciting prospect."

The by-election is caused by the resignation of Sir Thomas Williams, who had held the seat for 20 years for Labour, on his appointment as a circuit court judge. At the last general election he had a majority of [illegible] over the Conservative candidate. The Liberal trailed [illegible]2,833 in third place.

On this occasion the Social Democrats and Liberals will pool their efforts, the first real test of the Liberal-Social Democratic alliance. Mr David Harrison, SDP convener in the north Cheshire area, said last night that he would be consulting local members today about the time and place of the meeting with Mr Jenkins.

Mr Rodgers said in London that a computer print-out had shown that membership in the area ran into three figures and more members were being recruited.

Local members authorized this statement: "Social Democrats in Warrington met this morning to discuss their plan for the forthcoming by-election. They unanimously decided to invite Mr Roy Jenkins to attend a meeting on June 11. They were pleased to learn this afternoon that he has accepted their invitation."

Mr Harrison spoke to Mr Jenkins by telephone about the arrangements he is making to convene the meeting. There will be a meeting of the SDP steering committee in London today to decide what help can be given from London.

Speaking in Perth on Saturday, Mr Jenkins said that an SDP-Liberal alliance could break the present system of domination by two parties. "I believe that both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Foot are united on one issue—a desire that the Social Democrats and the Liberals will quarrel", he said.

If that happened, the Conservative and Labour parties would heave a sigh of relief and go back to enjoying and misusing the power they had had for so long.

The Labour Party was moving into "a terminal state" as a great party of government. It was becoming a party of fear. "Only a few years ago it would have been highly unlikely that Michael Foot would be elected leader, but what would have been absolutely inconceivable was that he should be elected leader of the Labour Party and then, within six months, be under heavy challenge for being too right-wing."

With the Labour Party still diverted from serious politics by internal feuding, the Social Democrats could win over considerable support from former Labour voters. But they will need to gain many votes from the Conservatives as well if they are to capture the seat.

Mr Jenkins starts with the advantage of being an experienced political campaigner, but it is the kind of industrial seat which will provide a severe test for the Social Democrats.

The expectation is that the Labour Party managers will want to arrange for the poll before the summer parliamentary recess. July 16 is being mentioned as the likely date.

According to an NOP poll in *The Observer* yesterday Mr Jenkins would stand little chance of winning the seat. It showed that according to opinions canvassed last week, he would get 25 per cent of the vote, compared with 64 per cent for Labour and 10 per cent for the Conservatives.

M1 cracks cut speed to 20 mph

Police and motorway engineers are to watch closely a stretch of the M1 after the discovery of cracks, some two feet deep and two inches wide, near the Derbyshire-Nottinghamshire border.

They were reported by a police patrol.

Closure of the section, at Felley, is still a possibility; but after checks yesterday is was decided that the road should remain open.

A police spokesman said that checks will continue today when heavy traffic returns.

As a temporary measure the southbound carriageway has been reduced to one lane with a 20 mph speed limit.

The north bound carriageway remains completely open, but with speed restrictions of 20 mph in some areas.

The cracks are most severe in the central reservation where some run for more than eight feet and are several inches wide.

The police spokesman said: "Closure of the road remains an option available to us should the situation deteriorate. That will be taken in consultation with the Ministry of Transport maintenance engineers.

"We obviously remain concerned about the difficulties the cracks might cause to traffic, especially fast moving vehicles."

American threat to quit Unesco

The United States has threatened to withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) if is goes ahead with a charter which the United States and other Western countries believe is designed to curb press freedom (Our Washington Correspondent writes).

The warning was given in a speech this weekend by Mr Elliott Abrams, assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, who was addressing the United Nations Association of the United States, in New York.

Enchanté

Solutre, France, June 7.—President François Mitterrand said today he will visit London on July 29 to attend the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. He receives Prince Charles at the Elysée palace on Tuesday.

Callaghan heads new challenge to left

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister, is at the heart of a move within the Parliamentary Labour Party to resist changing its procedures for electing the leader and deputy leader to conform with the new arrangements devised by the Wembley conference.

In an interview with *The Times* today on page 3—the first he has given since he retired from the leadership of the Labour Party—he makes it clear that he believes the parliamentary party should retain full power to elect its own leader.

The argument between the Callaghanite MPs and Bennite MPs opens up the prospect of the Labour Party in Parliament and in the country being led by two different people. It comes to a head this week when a working group of the parliamentary party will formulate changes to standing orders to bring them in line with the Wembley decisions.

Until this year, the Labour MPs alone have been responsible for electing the leader, and, when in government, the Prime Minister. This autumn it will be done by an electoral college in which the trade unions will have 40 per cent of the vote, and the Parliamentary Party and the constituency parties 30 per cent each.

Sir Harold Wilson, another former Prime Minister, is opposing the ideas put forward by Mr Wedgwood Benn for making the party leaders and MPs more accountable to the party conference, said last week that he rejected all the electoral college formulae and wanted Labour MPs to have 100 per cent of the vote.

Labour "moderates" claimed yesterday that the mood in the parliamentary party had changed so decisively against Mr Benn that when the amendments to standing orders come up for approval at the end of this month, they would be thrown out.

That would bring the party to breaking point, with the MPs apparently defying the will of the party at large. But Mr Callaghan points out: "There is no power on earth except MPs themselves who can decide who is to lead them in Parliament. Any attempt to foist an unacceptable leader on them will fail."

He contemplates a position where the parliamentary party would reject a choice made by the electoral college. That could affect the prospects of Mr Benn, now challenging Mr Denis Healey and Mr John Silkin for the deputy leadership.

Party officials yesterday forecast that the clash would not come. Obviously they hope that the choice of the party conference for the leadership and the deputy will be acceptable to the parliamentary party when the new session of Parliament opens in November. If, as expected, Mr Foot is reelected leader by the electoral college, that would be endorsed at once. But Mr Benn could be elected deputy leader by the party at large and be rejected by Labour MPs.

Many Labour MPs welcome the opportunity that the standing order amendments offer for a clarification of the parliamentary party's attitude to the electoral college plan. A party official said that [illegible] parliamentary session the PLP had the chance to throw out the plan but the motion had been withdrawn.

The rejection of Mr Eric Ogden, the moderate MP for Liverpool, West Derby, at his reselection conference yesterday will further inflame feeling among veteran Labour MPs. Mr Ogden has represented that constituency for 17 years. Mr Bob Wareing, a supporter of Mr Benn, was chosen to replace him as prospective Labour candidate at the next general election.

☐ Mr Benn, aged 56, who was admitted to Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith, west London on Thursday for a series of investigative tests, was yesterday in a "satisfactory" condition (the Press Association reports).

☐ Mr Leslie Huckfield, Labour MP for Nuneaton, whose seat is to be carved-up by the Boundaries Commission, last night beat-off opposition to gain the nomination for the safe Labour seat at Wigan, Lancashire.

Moderates who tried to have the left-winger's name removed from the short list of six contended that it would mean two by-elections if Mr Alan Fitch, the present MP, left before the next general election.

But Mr Huckfield, aged 39, said that he had been told by the Clerks of the House and by Mr David Hughes, Labour's national agent, that there would be no difficulties. He would apply for the Chiltern Hundreds to relinquish Nuneaton and then fight Wigan.

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Healey men step up campaign

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor, Brighton

Moderate supporters of Mr Denis Healey's campaign to retain the deputy leadership of the Labour Party are planning a new initiative to obtain the maximum support in the unions, Parliament and the constituencies.

An urgent appeal for backing for the Foot-Healey ticket is to go out early next week in an effort to counteract the left-wing propaganda onslaught by supporters of Mr Wedgwood Benn.

It will take the form of a round-robin letter signed by about sixty prominent trade unionists, Labour MPs and local party activists, and will be mailed directly to key targets in the Labour movement such as local general management committees.

The initiative is the work of a joint working group of MPs and trade union officials.

The main figure in the trade union organization is Mr David Warburton, national industrial officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union, who last night calculated that Mr Healey would pick up more than half of the union block vote.

The union support team for Mr Healey in the Labour movement claims he has now just over 2 million of the 6 million available votes either promised or practically certain to be delivered. That figure contrasts with about 450,000 promised to Mr Benn.

Mr Healey is to address a fringe meeting of delegate to the General and Municipal Workers Union conference at a seafront hotel today, and his supporters argued that the response to a speech made to the conference yesterday by Mr Michael Cocks, Opposition Chief Whip indicates he will easily capture the union's 650,000 block vote.

In his speech Mr Cocks said: "This is the first time I have ever spoken about my work in public, because the tradition has been for the chief whip to maintain a low profile.

"I do not break from my normal practice lightly. I do so because I have been appalled at the misrepresentation of the work of the last Labour government and the mischievous way that some have sought to use their misrepresentation to cause division in the party."

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Moderates back Whitehall strike

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

Leaders of one of the moderate Civil Service unions last night swung their support behind calls for a national all-out strike at the end of the month after the Government's decision to stand firm in the pay dispute, which today enters its fourteenth week.

An executive meeting of the 65,000-member Inland Revenue Staff Federation (IRSF) decided unanimously to recommend to its members an all-out strike for two weeks in the first instances, as the unions prepared to call out on strike from today computer staff responsible for paying unemployment benefits.

Mr Anthony Christopher, the union's general secretary, said after the meeting that the vote reflected "the depth of feeling at the way the Government has treated us with utter contempt, particularly following the charade of last week's negotiations."

The federation is seen as crucial in the campaign for a national stoppage which is gathering momentum. The executive of the Civil Service Union, which represents about 40,000 low grade staff is meeting tomorrow and is expected to recommend a national strike.

Those two unions, along with the two biggest unions which have taken executive decisions for all-out action, the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, together have sufficient votes on the Council of Civil Service Unions to win the two-thirds majority needed.

All nine unions, representing 540,000 white-collar civil servants, are consulting members through branch meetings with three options: accept the Government's final 7 per cent pay offer and its statements on future pay bargaining arrangements, step up the campaign of selective strikes or vote for the national strike.

The strike would probably start on June 22, although a decision will not be taken until a meeting of union leaders on Thursday next week and would last for at least two weeks with the unions then deciding whether to continue in the light of the Government's reaction.

There were indications last night that the Government is prepared to take strong retaliatory action against the unions, including large-scale suspension of staff refusing to carry out their normal duties.

Ministers are also considering the possibility of either imposing the 7 per cent offer without agreement, which could be difficult because civil servants control the payroll computers, or refusing to backdate the increase to the April 1 settlement date.

The IRSF will be consulting its members at more than 60 branch meetings

The unions intensify the campaign today, as union leaders tour the country seeking support for a national strike, by calling out on strike about 270 staff at the Department of Employment computer centres at Livingston, near Edinburgh and Reading and at the child benefits computer at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Union leaders hope that members in unemployment benefit offices will ignore calls from some militants not to cooperate with emergency procedures for payments of benefits by writing out unemployment Giro cheques by hand.

Should the militants win widespread support and many unemployed people are deprived of their benefits, the unions expect a strong response

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Train drivers vote for industrial action

By Our Labour Staff

Strikes by train drivers in many areas of the country from the beginning of next week looked almost certain after a militant conference decision by the footplatemen's union last night.

Delegates at the conference of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef) in London voted overwhelmingly to instruct the executive at its next meeting "that steps must be taken to institute forms of industrial action".

The union is angry over British Rail's cuts in suburban services and further reductions which are planned on inter-city routes. Along with the other two rail unions, Aslef is to meet Sir Peter Parker, chairman of BR, tonight to press him to join in an approach to the Government for more investment funds.

Delegates instructed Mr Ray Buckton, Aslef general secretary, to inform the other unions that Aslef "is not prepared to sit idly while the British Railways Board demolishes the railway industry".

He was also instructed to seek a joint meeting with the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association and press for a joint union strategy

The executive of the 28,000-strong union is expected to meet on Thursday and will act on the conference decision immediately. The result would be strikes by train drivers in areas where there are disputes over cuts in services, reduction in manning levels or the introduction of new work patterns.

A union source said that as there were disputes in most regions, industrial action would be widespread.

☐ Britain's 17,000 ambulancemen will announce plans today for a series of 24-hour national strikes over their pay claim (the Press Association reports).

Executives of the four unions representing the ambulancemen have considered the employers' refusal to improve this year's pay offer of 6 per cent or 7½ per cent over 15 months, and all have decided on strike action.

Hospital engineers and maintenance supervisors in the National Health Service were recommended yesterday to take industrial action over a pay offer and reorganization plans.

The action would include limiting maintenance of laundries, sterile and disinfectant departments, a suspension of emergency arrangements, an overtime ban and a work-to-rule.

The staff in the National and Local Government Officers' Association are angry at a 5.4 per cent pay offer.

TUC seeks £500m more urban aid

The TUC is to ask the Government to spend £500m more on urban aid in a policy statement timed to coincide with the Scarman inquiry into the Brixton riots. It also wants reforms to reduce racial tension Page 2

Civil Service suppressed report, author says

Mr Daniel Caplan has claimed that a report he prepared on the workings of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts was suppressed by the Civil Service Department after complaints were made by the commissioners.

Mauroy provincial tour

M Pierre Mauroy, the new French Prime Minister, on a provincial tour expressed his belief that provincial France was mature enough to manage its own affairs. He was seeking support for his Government's policy of decentralization Page 6

Call for US interest cut

France has called on the United States to reduce its interest rates because of the damaging effect of present high American levels on European economies. The White House response was said to be sympathetic, as it had been to a previous similar request from West Germany Page 15

Borg's sixth French win

Bjorn Borg of Sweden won the French tennis championship for the sixth time when he beat the Czechoslovak, Ivan Lendl, over five sets in Paris. It was only his third win since Wimbledon last year Page 8

Hunger striker No 5

Thomas McIlwee, who is serving 20 years plus life for manslaughter, today becomes the fifth Maze prisoner on hunger strike. The fast is being intensified in the run-up to the Irish general election on Thursday.

TUC wants extra £500m spending to help inner cities

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Reporter

Senior union leaders will demand later this month that the Government spends an additional £500m on urban aid, in a policy statement timed to coincide with the opening of Lord Scarman's inquiry into the Brixton riots.

The TUC is proposing that the annual urban aid budget be trebled, with a series of educational, employment and policing reforms aimed at halting decline and reducing racial tension in inner cities.

A draft also calls for the police to be better trained in dealing with ethnic minorities, an intensified campaign to recruit black policemen and for ways to be examined of increasing the accountability of the police through elected representatives in metropolitan areas.

The paper seeks a crash programme to secure the construction of 100,000 council houses in urban areas and the renovation of a further 125,000 homes.

The paper argues that all schoolchildren should be "educated for life in a multiracial society" and that the Government and local authorities should do more to end discrimination in their recruitment and employment policies.

Although the timing of the report is an attempt to influence the Government, the real impact is likely to be on the Labour Party. Some union officials judge Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, to be particularly receptive to TUC policy at present.

The confidential draft going before the TUC's key economic committee on Wednesday says: "Unemployment is a major cause of the high level of crime and vandalism in inner cities, in particular among young people". It says that last year in Coventry a 35 per cent increase in youth unemployment was accompanied by a 23 per cent increase in cases before juvenile courts.

It adds: "It is no surprise that in some inner-city areas young blacks tend to be associated with crime and the growing 'underworld economy'. In areas such as Brixton young blacks account for at least half of the unemployed aged between 16 and 19."

The report condemns both the Government's enterprise zones and the Urban Development Corporation for East London and Merseyside for failing to tackle inner city decay. It demands increased local authority investment to keep industry alive in cities and improved industrial training courses.

The paper says that the main urban aid programme is allocating about half the money which goes to new towns and that its budget should be increased in 1981-82 from £177m to £700m. Rate support grant cuts should also be restored.

Although the TUC will emphasize that its policy is an overall one for the inner cities and has not been solely prompted by the Brixton unrest, its tone reflects a belief among some union leaders that many blacks, particularly young ones, are as alienated from trade unions as from other institutions.

The TUC is also shortly to publish a paper calling on unions to do more to ensure that blacks become officials and that equal opportunity policies are adopted as a "collective bargaining target".

On the police, the paper says there is a wide suspicion that racialist intolerance exists within the police force. "It cannot be swept under the carpet or defended by the suggestion that the attitudes of the police are simply the same as those of the wider community."

The draft also calls for expansion of nursery education in inner cities where there are high numbers of single-parent families, and more cash for basic adult education, including classes in literacy and English as a second language.

Regenerating our Inner Cities, a TUC Policy Statement.



Photograph by Harry Kerr

Journey's end for 900-mile peace pilgrims

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev Victor de Waal, yesterday welcoming some of the cyclists who took part in the 900-mile pilgrimage for peace and later attended morning Eucharist at the cathedral. The riders, who are members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, left Iona, Argyll, on Good Friday. In the course of their journey through many communities and some military centres the pilgrims aimed to spread the message that the world is safer without the arms race. Their route took them through Glasgow, Newcastle upon Tyne, York, Nottingham, Coventry and Oxford. In London they handed in a petition at 10 Downing Street calling for an end to arms proliferation. In Rochester cathedral they joined a vigil for peace. For the cycling pilgrims, Canterbury, as in the Middle Ages, was the end of the road.

Race fear over NHS fees

By a Staff Reporter

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants has warned the Government that it will encourage individuals to take legal action against hospitals and family doctors if proposals to charge overseas visitors for National Health Service treatment lead to racial discrimination.

The council says that even under the present rules blacks who have long been settled in the United Kingdom have been asked to produce passports.

With the new procedures likely to lead to an increase in requests for passports to prove eligibility, the new rules "will end up being racially discriminatory against long-term settlers as well as short-term visitors".

The council also quotes from a departmental circular published 18 months ago to challenge the statement by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, that there is "fairly widespread abuse" of the National Health Service by overseas visitors.

The circular stated that the complaints referred "to a small number of hospitals, but with the implication that this is a widespread abuse. The department is not, however, aware of any evidence to support this inference. . . ."

Scarman boycott call may lack support

By Lucy Hodges

The Brixton Defence Campaign, the all-black umbrella group set up after the riot in the south London area in April, met yesterday to mobilize support for a boycott of the inquiry headed by Lord Scarman, which begins next week.

About a hundred people who attended the meeting were unanimous that the inquiry should be boycotted. It is doubtful, though, whether that will persuade a majority of local organizations not to give evidence.

The press was excluded from the meeting, attended by both black and white people, at the Abeng community centre, in Gresham Road, Brixton. The campaign has a policy of noncooperation with newspapers and television because it says they give black people a bad press and distort the news.

There were several speakers at the meeting including Mr Devon Thomas, a social worker with Lambeth council. The audience also heard from a black person who was arrested as a result of the riot and a representative of the New Cross Massacre Action Committee.

There is some doubt about how representative the Brixton Defence Campaign is. It claims to have the support of 14 local groups; but many of them were not aware of the strong statement drawn up by the campaign last week, and some were not aware of the meeting.

The campaign has three main demands: that all charges arising out of the riot should be dropped (more than 300 people have been charged); that police "brutality" should be opposed; and that the "Scarman cover-up inquiry" should be boycotted.

It calls the riot an uprising and, in a leaflet distributed last week, says the riot "took the struggle against racist oppression to its highest level".

It is understood that the campaign does not want any inquiry into the events of April 10 to 12 last;

TUC hint of action on wage curb

From Our Labour Editor
Brighton

The first hint was given yesterday of a TUC-coordinated campaign of industrial action to break the Government's system of curbing pay rises through public spending restrictions in the 1981-82 pay round.

Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers Union and chairman of the TUC public services committee, rounded on the Cabinet for refusing to permit genuine negotiations in the Civil Service dispute. He argued that the unions would have to collaborate in the next wage round against even lower cash limits predicted by the Chancellor.

Mr Basnett, speaking in Brighton on the eve of his union's annual conference, said: "The Government's behaviour over the Civil Service has been disgraceful. First they unilaterally abrogated an agreement, and then called the unions in for negotiations and effectively did not negotiate.

"There is little doubt that the Civil Service unions are being pushed by the attitude of the Government to take further action. There is a very strong case for this issue to go to arbitration. Certainly the TUC would support them in that."

The GMWU secretary, whose members in the ambulance service are threatening industrial action over National Health Service cash limits, added: "We have got a summer of discontent in the public services.

"We have not had a winter of discontent this year; but public servants are discontented at the heavy-handed application of incomes policy for them. No matter how you look at it, that amounts to a wages cut. All the public service unions next year need, through the TUC public services committee, to coordinate action.

Mr Basnett did not suggest any concrete action that other public service unions might take to back the civil servants.

Chemical workers' strike approved

Leaders of the General and Municipal Workers Union have authorized industrial action in the chemicals industry after rejecting a 7.2 per cent "final" pay offer to 58,000 manual workers.

Action will not start until after a special conference of chemical workers' shop stewards on June 17, but Mr David Warburton, the union's national industrial officer, said it would not be confined to a token one-day stoppage.

Talks with the Chemical Industries' Association broke down when the employers refused to go beyond an offer of a £4.80 increase to £70.80 in the national basic minimum rate and rejected arbitration.

Union negotiators expect that some of the 200 chemical companies belonging to the association will seek to reach "sensible" settlements at company level to avoid being caught in the threatened dispute.

The GMWU has also rejected a 7.7 per cent offer to 43,000 ICI workers, together with consolidation of an annual guarantee of 6 per cent productivity bonuses related to sales.

Criticism of royal commission 'stifled'

By Peter Hennessy

Mr Daniel Caplan, appointed by the Government last year to review the workings of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, has claimed in a statement to *The Times* that his report has been suppressed by the Civil Service Department after objections from members of the commission, which he described as a self-perpetuating body.

His findings were presented to ministers in April, 1980. A spokesman for the Civil Service Department said the report was still under active consideration.

Mr Caplan, however, received a letter on January 1 this year from Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls and chairman of the royal commission, which said: "Your report was a great work—and all the royal commissioners were very glad of it and Lord Soames [Lord President of the Council] has accepted it entirely. We are grateful to you."

Mr Caplan, a former under-secretary at the Department of the Environment, was provoked by a letter published in *The Times* on May 4 from Lord Fletcher, a royal commissioner on historical manuscripts, into making his statement.

"What", Mr Caplan asked, "is it that this body of mostly aged men [there was no woman among the 17 royal commissioners] wish so much to conceal from public view? And what right have these men to seek to prevent the public from judging for themselves the findings of the first independent examination of the royal commission in more than one hundred years? Could it be that even in 1981 these men see themselves as being somehow above normal public accountability?"

Lord Fletcher, in his letter responding to earlier correspondence in *The Times* from Mr Caplan, asked why the Caplan report should be published as no announcement was made of his appointment and no invitation extended to interested parties to submit evidence.

"In any case", Lord Fletcher continued, "the report should not be published in isolation. If published at all it should be accompanied by the evidence on which it is based and by comments from the royal commission itself."

Mr Caplan was asked by the Civil Service Department to establish, as part of his review, whether the royal commission should survive and, if so, whether any of its functions could be undertaken more efficiently and economically by other bodies.

The commission has a duty to locate private archives and list them in a national register. It advises the Treasury on the acceptance of manuscripts in lieu of tax and fulfils a general advisory role to private owners of documents and record repositories other than those which come under the direct control of the Government.

Mr Caplan refused to release a copy of his report to *The Times*. But it is clear that its findings, while recommending the commission should survive, contained trenchant criticism of the royal commission on the ground of the high average age of its members, their inadequate interest in the work done in their name, and the appearance they give of being a self-perpetuating body insufficiently accountable to the public.

The failure of the Civil Service Department to publish his report, which was undertaken as part of the Government's review of non-departmental bodies, amounts, in Mr Caplan's view, to an "unhappy, even unsavoury affair . . . of real importance in the context of open government and of the public accountability of a non-departmental body that had never been brought under independent examination in more than 100 years".

Mr Caplan recalled last week that the Government had insisted he complete his review in 13 weeks, which he did, although some members of the historical profession believed that was much too tight a deadline.

The commissioners are Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, the chairman, who was appointed in 1962; Sir David Evans (1954); the Very Rev Seiriol Evans (1957); Sir John Summerson (1959); Professor J. C. Beckett (1960); Sir Robert Somerville (1966); Lord Kenyon (1966), Lord Fletcher (1966); Professor A. Goodwin (1966); the Duke of Northumberland (1973); Mr J. Ehrman (1973); Lord Wemyss and March (1975); Professor F. S. C. Milsom (1975); Lord Blake (1975); Sir John Habakkuk (1978); and Professor G. E. Aylmer (1978).



Mr Caplan: Provoked by Lord Fletcher.

Dock men go back to study new pay offer after strike

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

Normal cargo-handling is to be resumed on the first shift this morning in the port of Liverpool after it had been halted for 72 hours by industrial action over the annual pay award for its 3,500 dockers.

An hour later the Mersey docks shop stewards' committee will meet to consider a fresh offer from the Liverpool Port Employers' Association.

Any decision reached will be conveyed to the port modernization committee when negotiations resume between the two sides in Liverpool tomorrow.

Although no decision is expected at this stage, the employers and shipowners are hoping there will be no further industrial action to follow two 24-hour strikes and the ban on weekend overtime.

Mr Denis Kelly, chairman of the shop stewards, said yesterday that the new offer, details of which are not being officially released, formed a complicated package which needed analysis. He thought it would take a further month of negotiation before a decision was reached on the deal, which will be backdated to May 1.

The employers' original offer was for an £8 a week increase and another £4 on bonus payments, accompanied by the changes in work practices. It is understood they have now offered some more cash, financed by a reduction in fringe benefits.

GIRL FOUND MURDERED NEAR CANAL

Detectives were yesterday hunting the killer of Marion Crofts, aged 14, who was beaten and sexually assaulted on her way to a music lesson.

The partly-clothed body of the girl, who played the clarinet in a youth orchestra, was found in undergrowth near the Basingstoke Canal, at Farnborough, Hampshire, on Saturday. Her clarinet was seen floating in the canal by a canoeist and police later recovered it from the canal.

The girl left her home in Basingbourne Close, Fleet, to attend a morning music lesson at her Farnborough school. When she failed to return her mother and sister walked the five-mile route. They raised the alarm when they found one of her shoes near the canal.

A post-mortem examination showed she had been attacked with a blunt instrument, possibly a piece of wood.

Detectives want to see canoeists who used the canal on Saturday morning, or golfers who were at the Army golf club near by.

They particularly want to interview a man seen out jogging with a golden labrador near the canal.

Airline sent vicar to a brothel

From Our Correspondent
East Grinstead

Airline officials have sent an apology to an English vicar who was inadvertently given overnight accommodation in a Hongkong brotel.

British Caledonian had to find beds for 220 passengers while a spare part was flown out from Britain for a faulty DC 10. But the delay coincided with a Chinese festival. Hongkong was crowded and the 31 hotels on the airline's approved list were full.

The clergyman, who has not been named, and a number of other passengers were put into an hotel that was "below par". His room had a circular bed and walls lined with mirrors.

"We had to go to an accommodation agency", a spokesman for the airline said at Gatwick airport yesterday. "Unfortunately the vicar found himself in this place which was obviously tailored for people with more exotic tastes. Fortunately he was not approached by any lady members of the staff.

"We have written to him explaining how the mistake happened and we hope he accepts our apology. I am not sure if any of the other passengers stayed in the same place."

Science report

Geology: Gas source in Earth's crust

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Professor Thomas Gold, of Cornel University, a former Admiralty scientist, is visiting London today to talk to the Government about potentially huge new source of energy.

He will put a case for British support for tests and research into the extent of immense deposits of methane gas deep in the Earth's crust. The gas could, if tapped, provide energy for thousands of years.

The discovery of gas believed to have come from this source has been made by the research ship Melville, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, at La Jolla, California, in a survey of an area known as the East Pacific Rise, during a nine-month voyage.

Analyses of water samples taken from near the seabed, in an area in which large fields of submarine geysers and vents in the ocean floor were photographed, contain methane with a mixture of other gases. The mixture has characteristics which suggest that the methane is of non-biological origin, a finding which runs counter to the accepted view in petroleum geology that all oil and natural gas hydrocarbons in the earth were originally plant life.

The discovery, reported by Dr Harmon Craig and Dr John Welhan, of the Scripps Institution, lends support to a controversial theory that extensive deposits of methane are locked deep within the earth's crust.

The idea of this potential energy resource has been proposed by Professor Gold and Dr Steven Soter, of Cornell.

Reports by other scientists show accumulating evidence that volcanoes release hydrocarbon gases locked deep in the earth. What the Gold-Soter hypothesis does is to provide a unified explanation for observations of what is regarded as a highly puzzling phenomenon.

But that explanation relies on the present understanding of how the planets of the solar system were formed, and it draws on the discoveries made of the composition of meteorites, as providing the best indication of the original composition of the inner planets.

The new proposition goes back to an era when the atmosphere of the earth was not an oxygen and nitrogen one, as now, but when it contained a high proportion of carbon in the form of methane needed for the precursors to life.

What happened to the supply of hydrocarbons in the primordial atmosphere? Dr Gold suggests that much of it became buried when it was mixed with the material from which the earth's rocks were being formed, and he shows how certain geological formations could contain enormous reservoirs of this potential fuel.

STAGEHAND DISMISSED UNFAIRLY

Stewart Spinrad, a stagehand, aged 24, kept missing his cues. Officials at the National Theatre accused him of spoiling four shows in a year by his lack of timing. But an industrial tribunal in London announced on Saturday that he was unfairly dismissed.

They decided the theatre failed to investigate fully why Mr Spinrad, of Fermor Road, Forest Hill, south London, missed two cues on the evening before he was suspended.

The tribunal chairman, Mr Oliver Lodge, said he missed the first when he left his post at the Olivier Thtatre to give first aid to a woman who had collapsed in another theatre near by.

He missed the second cue because he visited the theatre medical centre to explain the condition. Theatre officials thought he had gone merely to report the incident. In missing his second cue he was "guilty of an error of judgment worthy of censure",—but did not deserve to lose his job, Mr Lodge said.

However, the tribunal, in their reserved judgment, also decided that Mr Spinrad was 60 per cent to blame for his dismissal last October.

NEWSPAPER HIT

Distribution of copies of *The Sunday Times* for most of London and the Home Counties was prevented yesterday after action by members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (SOGAT) in the publishing room over pay differentials and holidays. As a result, several hundred thousand readers did not receive the newspaper.

Overseas selling prices

Mummified baby is found in cupboard

The mummified body of a new-born baby has been found in a bedroom cupboard in a house in Wolverhampton, where it had been locked away for at least forty years.

Police said there was no sign of injury to the body, which had been tightly wrapped in clothing and then covered by pages of newspapers and magazines dating from 1915 to 1933.

The find was made on Saturday afternoon at a house in Trysall Road, Wolverhampton, as relatives of the late occupant, a spinster, were sorting through her belongings.

The remains of the child had been hidden in a steel chest in the cupboard.

A police spokesman said: "The body has been examined by a Home Office pathologist, and he is of the opinion that it had remained undiscovered for at least forty years, possibly much longer". He said the child was perfectly formed. The coroner is to be informed.

The spinster and a male lodger who had once lived at the house both died earlier this year.



Callaghan speaks to 'The Times'

MPs must elect their own leaders and not become puppets

Mr Callaghan, you have been a Labour MP since 1945. You have experienced good times and bad for your party. How serious, in your view, is Labour's present internal dispute?

I haven't commented until now because I don't think a former leader should look as though he's pulling the coat tails of his successor. Therefore, I deliberately bit my tongue when I would certainly like to have said something. Now Michael Foot has spoken out very clearly, I want to do everything I can to support him because he's trying to do his best to pull the party together and put it on a basis that will lead to victory at the next election.

You ask me about the state of the party. In my view, it is extremely unhealthy, and at the next conference we ought to get these issues finally settled. But I must say I doubt it because I think that Tony Benn is determined to be leader of the party, that he is determined to be leader on his own terms, and although, of course, he wants to win the next election, some of his followers would be ready to sacrifice victory to create the kind of party they want.

And that would be a non-parliamentary party that would not attract the support of most British people. So that unhealthy state of affairs has got to be corrected, especially when we consider the tragedy of our current economic situation and the policies of the Government.

Do you think that the next election can be lost?

I think there will be a large anti-Conservative vote, and many abstentions by disillusioned Conservative voters. This is bound to benefit the Labour Party, provided it presents a policy, an image and a face to the electorate that the electorate will accept. So the election is certainly not lost, but it is by no means won.

Part of the dispute revolves around what many Labour MPs regard as extremist groups. Is the danger they perceive justified?

Yes. The Militant group of Trotskyists is anti-parliamentary in its approach. I very much regret that the proscribed list of organizations [used to prevent Communist infiltration] was ever done away with. It was, incidentally, Mr Benn who was in the forefront of that move on grounds of liberalism and so attracted many people.

The party's national executive has a duty, in my view, to make a rigorous examination of the structure, membership, international affiliations and finances of this Militant group of Trotskyites. From the information I have, and which Lord Underhill, the former national agent of the party, has provided, any rational assessment would lead to the conclusion that Militant is a separate party within a party and should become a proscribed organization.

I'm not saying its members should be expelled. But if Militant became a proscribed organization, they would have to decide whether to stay in the Labour party or be in the Militant organization as a separate group. The choice would be theirs.

It would be more honest if they were to leave the party and come out in their true colours. But they won't. They are like the ivy that is a parasite on the oak. They derive their strength from the solidity of the Labour party. Without it, they would be a small contemptible faction.

Left's proposal carefully planned

The relationship between the Parliamentary Labour party and the party nationally is also under scrutiny in the present debate. Under the new electoral college rules, can a leader or deputy leader be imposed on Labour MPs against their will?

The new rules are indeed very new. Until a few years ago, we did not have anyone as *the* party leader. MPs elected the leader of the parliamentary party, he was regarded as de facto leader of the whole party but he had no constitutional position in that sense. Then a new proposal was advanced, again by Tony Benn and his friends—and looking at what has happened since, I can only believe it was done with substantial forethought—that we should have a leader of the party in the country.

It's very difficult to argue against that and I wouldn't try. But when trades unions and constituency parties vote under the new rules, they should remember that the leader must have the full confidence of those he leads in Parliament. If that doesn't happen, it's inevitable that the parliamentary party will elect somebody it can trust and accept as its leader.

If the two happen not to be the same person, there will be a difficulty. The Conservatives went through it at the turn of the last century when Lord Randolph Churchill was the darling of the constituencies in much the same way that Tony Benn is now. It created a lot of problems but they got over them. And we can get over this.

But what is certainly clear is that MPs cannot be expected to accept somebody who is hoisted upon them if they do not believe from *their* knowledge that he is the best man to lead them in the day to day struggle in the House of Commons or into an election.

Only the leader of the parliamentary party can do that at the end of the day because he is the man to whom the electors will look when a general election comes—and the man who will be sent for to form a government. That is the essence of the parliamentary system.

Mr Benn hasn't taken up Mr Foot's challenge now because he knows he would be beaten all ends up, out of doors. But in my view he will challenge Mr Foot in a year or two's time if he can establish his position as deputy leader first.

Does it follow that the parliamentary party should make clear to the party nationally that the leadership in Parliament must be acceptable to the PLP?

There's no need to make it clearer than the constitutional position provides. Whoever forms a government will be whoever commands majority support in the Commons. That has always been and will remain the constitutional position. So there's no need to make anything clear. All the parliamentary party has to do is to carry out its responsibilities in the autumn of electing its leaders. I trust they will not deprive themselves of the right to do so. And I hope there will be no need to do more than endorse those elected at the party conference.

You mean you envisage the PLP electing its own leaders in the autumn whatever happens at the conference?

Certainly. Ever since the days of Keir Hardie, the constitution has provided that the parliamentary party is a semi-autonomous body. In our system it must be. My objection is that certain people are trying to destroy that concept which is the essence of our system. In the autumn the PLP—whatever the conference result—will have to elect its own leaders, the people to whom the electors will look for the alternative government.

Mr Benn has already indicated that he expects this to happen by talking of the parliamentary party declaring UDI. You wouldn't, I suppose, agree with that definition?

No, of course not. This is not the position at all. Somebody must be elected to lead the MPs, the man who is sent for to form a government. Anything else is anti-parliamentary and there are very few MPs who are ready to go down that road.

Now Mr Benn is perfectly entitled to offer himself for the leadership. He always says he's not attacking personalities and I'm not attacking his personality, although I think that personality is a very important leadership quality.

What I reject and will never accept is the current attempt to turn MPs into puppets. I also say it has been a grave mistake to turn the election of deputy leader into the most significant event of the year, overshadowing everything else when unemployment is hitting record totals and the party ought to be preparing itself for office.

Benn escaping from collective responsibility

What do you say to party members perplexed by events at Westminster that are not within their personal knowledge?

They are perplexed, you're quite right. I can only say that they must make up their own minds. But they should not believe it when they are told that those of us who have borne the heat and burden of the day since the war have been consistently guilty of treachery or cowardice and that this is why socialism wasn't ushered in years ago.

Mr Benn says he fought his corner in your cabinet and therefore had no reason to resign. What do you make of his argument?

He did fight his corner in cabinet but so did everybody else and like them, he didn't always win. But we all accepted collective responsibility for our decisions and he's the only one trying to escape from it. Others could do the same. I used to listen to his analysis of the situation with great interest and found a lot I agreed with. I usually differed on the remedies he proposed, which I found on a number of occasions to be quite impractical, or they would have been unacceptable to the people of our country.

I would like to say one thing about the last manifesto. It's generally known that Mr Benn, either through forgetfulness or other reasons, conveyed a totally wrong impression about it and the items that were ruled out. That has been proved but I've never had any apology from him for so misrepresenting my position. During my period as Prime Minister, we asked ministers every few months to check what they had done against manifesto commitments, to see where we had fallen short and see if it was possible for more to be done.

I want to bring this point out very strongly. Every government should be guided as fully as it can by party policy, constantly referring to the manifesto. But it can't carry everything out and there's another small point that particularly applied to the last government—we didn't have a majority.

This is the first extended interview you have given since retiring as party leader. How would you sum up your views on the state of the party?

I feel deeply that the Labour Party must provide an alternative to the philosophy as well as the policies of the present government. I'm deeply unhappy that we are tearing ourselves apart in this way. Everywhere I go abroad I find great unhappiness that the party doesn't carry the influence it used to overseas. We would be betraying our role and our own people unless the party persists in its historic approach to the transition of society and the promotion of equality and social justice.



Photograph by Bill Warhurst

Mr Callaghan in his study at his farm in Sussex.

Left starts campaign to capture unions

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

A pressure group within the Labour Party which supports the policies of Mr Wedgwood Benn and his bid for the deputy leadership of the party has called a conference of unions next month "to start the process of moving trade unions to the left".

The aim of the left-wing Labour Coordinating Committee is to mobilize the "extra Parliamentary power of the working class" to defeat the Conservatives and to elect and sustain a Labour government committed to conference decisions.

Proposals for building a network of contacts within the trade union movement to further the policies of the left are contained in a policy pamphlet published by the committee today.

The committee was established at the 1978 Labour Party conference to "establish links between left activists in the party and the unions". Its executive, which is chaired by Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham West, also includes Mr Stuart Holland, MP for Lambeth, Vauxhall, Mrs Audrey Wise, the former MP, and Mr Peter Hain.

Mr Hain said last night: "It is important that the next Labour government can restore full employment by implementing the alternative economic strategy put forward by the TUC and Labour Party conference, The People's March for Jobs shows that the tide is turning and we aim to play our full part in the campaign for jobs."

The conference of unions is to be held in London on July 18, when the main speaker will be Mr Benn. Other speakers will include Mr Bernard Dix, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, and Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire miners.

The pamphlet says that the Labour movement's aim "must be that of a mass left-wing Labour Party integrally linked to a power trade union movement in the fight for socialism.

"Despite the recent reverses we have suffered, the potential for such a movement is greater now than at any time in the recent past, although it will not come about without a new and determined approach by the left to trade unions."

The primary aim, according to Mr Pete Rowlands, the author of the pamphlet and secretary of Hounslow Trades Council, is to extend the gains won by the left in the party to the trade union movement generally.

"This obviously includes unions at present affiliated to the party, but crucial will be winning back control for the left in the major affiliated unions now in right-wing hands", particularly the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

"We aim to develop left policies and leaders in all unions and at all levels. However, left policies and leaders will only be sustained if there is a mass base of active left-wing support in the unions involved, and even in some 'left' unions this is not the case at present", the document argues.

The campaign would be built on strengthening Broad Left organizations within unions. Those would be of the "most open sort and should strive for left unity as a key objective".

In addition to pressing for maximum participation and democracy in Broad Left bodies, their work would vary according to circumstances in different unions. In unions led by right-wingers the aim would be to install a left leadership, and in unions not affiliated to the Labour Party they should campaign for affiliation "even if in many this now seems remote".

The pamphlet recognizes that some left-wing members of the Labour Party may not want to be associated with Broad Left organizations, and in those cases the Labour Coordinating Committee would press for those members to be brought together in separate groups within trade unions.

The committee would attempt to bring together trades councils and constituency Labour parties as active campaigning bodies and would seek to mobilize support within regional councils of the TUC. Workplace branches of the party should be encouraged and trades councils should be able to affiliate directly to the party.

The focus of the campaign will be the alternative economic strategy which was approved by last year's Labour Party conference and which is broadly supported by the TUC.

Five proposals to reverse the Government's economic policies are: reflation of the economy, mainly through increased public spending; planned controls on foreign trade and movement of capital; an industrial strategy based on an extension of public ownership; planning agreements and industrial democracy; and a national economic plan and price controls.

The promotion of discussion of the alternative strategy as it relates to individual industries and unions operating in them is seen as a key element of the campaign.

Trade Unions and Socialism (Labour Coordinating Committee, 9 Poland Street, London W1; 70p plus 12p postage).

Legal move threat to importing of nuclear waste

By David Nicholson-Lord

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, is to be asked this week to grant permission for a legal action which could seriously challenge the importing of nuclear waste to the Windscale reprocessing plant in Cumbria.

The action, which may set an important precedent for future protests against Britain's nuclear programme, is being taken against British Nuclear Fuels' £5m dock improvement scheme at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, where spent fuel from foreign reactors is unloaded for rail shipment to Windscale.

Opponents of BNFL are alarmed by the scale of the development and claim it represents a vastly increased risk to the town's 70,000 inhabitants. They intend to seek a High Court declaration that the company does not have planning permission for the expansion.

If they succeed, a planning application from BNFL will be submitted to Barrow council, which last month took a strong stand against the transport of spent nuclear fuel through urban areas. By a majority of 23—8 it also opposed the continued use of the port for the import and handling of the fuel.

The case will centre on whether BNFL has "deemed" planning permission for the docks scheme. A decision against BNFL could jeopardize its expanding contract business with reactors.

BNFL said yesterday that it had considered alternative sites but added: "It is not something we want to discuss publicly at this stage." It had decided to start the development without first obtaining planning permission after from Barrow council.

Mr Terry Smith, a member of the Barrow action group, said worries about a nuclear accident had been increased by the projected siting of a terminal for gas from the Morecambe Bay field in the Barrow docks.

☐ Three claims for damages against BNFL have been settled out of court (the Press Association reports). Two of them were due to be heard in Carlisle Crown Court tomorrow.

Both claims were pressed by the General and Municipal Workers' Union, one on behalf of the widow of a Windscale worker who died of cancer. The other was by a man who developed cataracts on his eyes but is now back at work at the nuclear plant.

BNFL said the settlement of a third claim out of court, pursued on behalf of a Windscale widow, should not be regarded as an acceptance of liability. All cases would be assessed on their merits. The amounts involved have not been disclosed.

Wilson wants inquiry on BOSS allegations

By Craig Seton

Sir Harold Wilson has called for an investigation into what are said to be new allegations that "thugs" from the South African embassy in London interfered in British affairs and became involved in the case which led to the trial of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader.

The former Prime Minister wants any new evidence about the alleged activities in Britain of BOSS, the South African secret police, to be referred to the Security Commission or an independent inquiry to compel full disclosure.

In a statement published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday Sir Harold said there was new material about the Thorpe case which lent weight to evidence published just before he resigned as Prime Minister and raised at the time by Mr James Wellbeloved, the Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Crayford, "about the activities of certain thugs in the South African embassy in London".

Sir Harold told the Commons in March, 1976: "I have no doubt at all there is strong South African participation in recent activities relating to the leader of the Liberal Party".

Sir Harold was commenting in yesterday's article on a new book, *Inside BOSS, South Africa's Secret Police*, to be published in the autumn, by Gordon Winter, who worked for BOSS and fled from South Africa two years ago.

In it Mr Winter is reported as saying that he got information in 1971 from Norman Scott, who alleged that he had a homosexual relationship with Mr Thorpe. He passed it on, together with tapes and documents, to his BOSS controller at the South African embassy in London.

Sir Harold said that if only a quarter of the facts alleged in the book were shown to be true a grave state of affairs would be disclosed. Allegations and evidence which could be produced to support them should be investigated.

In the *News of the World* yesterday David Holmes, who last week alleged that Mr Jeremy Thorpe did incite him to murder Norman Scott, said that a reporter who had links with BOSS was interested in the case before the trial of Mr Thorpe.



Gordon Winter: Fled from South Africa.

Fish bowl starts fire

A child's goldfish bowl was yesterday blamed by fire officers for starting a blaze which badly damaged a home. The bowl is believed to have reflected the early morning sun's rays and set fire to curtains at the house, in Bellerby Road, Skellow, South Yorkshire.

Benjamin Ward, aged three, awoke and smelt smoke, realized something was wrong and woke his mother, Mrs Cynthia Ward. She found the dining room well alight and called the fire brigade.

The family fled to safety as the fire quickly spread. It caused serious damage to the lounge.

A fire brigade officer said: "We are fairly certain it was the sun's reflection on the sides of the goldfish bowl that caused the fire. The thick glass must have acted like a magnifying glass. It is a very unusual case but there is no other explanation."

The only casualty was the fish which died. The boy's father, Mr John Ward, said: "I do not think we shall bother having any more fish in the house after this".



Photograph by Warren Harrison

Open air chess: The South Bank Speed Chess Tournament, sponsored by "Chess Magazine", began outside the National Film Theatre yesterday. There are cash prizes of up to £100.

1m suffer from agoraphobia

By Arthur Osman

Mrs Grace Sheppard, wife of the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, has disclosed in a booklet just published, designed to help agoraphobia sufferers, how the illness affected the early years of her marriage.

She says that at one time she was petrified of being trapped in church. To help counter it, a friend would save her a seat at the back of the church behind a curtain.

She says: "I developed the terrible fear of going out alone. It was crippling and resulted in a great deal of misunderstanding

The booklet has been produced by Mr Russel Peel, who gave up his job as a teacher in Bradford in 1977 because of agoraphobia. An endorsement by Lord Snowdon, president for Britain of the International Year of Disabled People, says: "There is a tendency, when 'disabled' is mentioned, to think of people in wheelchairs. There is, sadly, a tendency to think that phobias are not genuine or that they can simply be dispelled by argument or a call to 'pull oneself together'. These attitudes, which in themselves cause disability, can lead to difficulties at work, in the family, an in relationships."

Mr Peel said there were at least a million sufferers from the illness in Britain. It was caused by stress, tension and pressure. In his view, the most accurate definition of agoraphobia was fear of leaving the safety of home although the medical definition was fear of open spaces.

Mrs Sheppard, says in the booklet that people thought she was a snob.

She finally admitted to herself, her husband and one or two friends that she could not manage and needed help. She says: "Now, over 20 years later, I am able to drive alone through London's rush hour, to address a meeting, or fly alone

Self-help brochure: Agoraphobia [Fear and Anxiety] (from Russell Peel, 3 Acacia Drive, Lightcliffe, Halifax, £1).

ONLY 4,000 AT NUCLEAR RALLY

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

What was supposed to be a prestige rally yesterday for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament did not live up to expectations.

It was expected that 30,000 people would take part but Strathclyde police said only 4,000 attended the rally in Kelvingrove Park, in Glasgow, at the end of the two-day walk of 25 miles from the Faslane base of the Royal Navy 3rd Nuclear Submarine Squadron.

That is also the base for the Navy's only four Polaris submarines. Carrying their flags and banners, the marchers chanted their demand: "No Trident missiles".

They were given free loding at Clydebank by local councils in schools and homes. They were about 2,000 strong when they left for Glasgow yesterday.

They came from many parts of Britain and included Quakers and Communists but were mostly Labour Party supporters. Some were veteran protesters of the early 1960s.

Strathclyde police said that the demonstrations were free from trouble.

Maze men to join fast at regular intervals

From Christopher Thomas, Belfast

The escalation of the Maze prison hunger strike from today seems likely to take the form of one additional prisoner joining the fast at regular intervals. The aim is to ensure that at all times at least one man is in a critical condition.

It is not known how many more hunger-strikers there are likely to be. The current strategy is to have four fasters, each of whom is replaced as he dies. Four have died so far.

The intensification of the fast comes in the final round-up to the Irish general election on Thursday, and it is doubtless designed partly to put pressure on Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, to adopt a tougher stand against the British Government's handling of the crisis. He is known to be under strong pressure from hardliners within his Fianna Fail party to be more outspoken.

The period of respite since the last hunger-striker died is seen as a tactical error; the next death is not likely to occur until the end of this month.

Mr Haughey yesterday refused once more to be drawn into harsh criticism of Britain over the affair. He confined himself in a lengthy interview on Irish radio to a reaffirmation of his belief that a solution could be found in a more humanitarian approach to the prison regime in the Maze.

"From the beginning I have impressed constantly on the British Government the danger that the H blocks situation presents for us all.

"The first hunger strike [before Christmas] was settled. We succeeded in saving the lives of those people, and at that time I was optimistic about the future."

Mr Haughey is focusing increasing attention on the possibility of another coalition between Fine Gael and the Labour Party, a prospect that both the opposition parties are trying to dispel.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday named two people who died when a car, apparently driven by joyriders, crashed in a Belfast street on Saturday. Mr William McCann, aged 60, unemployed, was killed as he walked with a friend, who is in satisfactory condition in hospital.

Gerard Byrne, aged 17, who was in the car, was killed and two youths aged 16 were hurt.

Mr Liam Devine, aged 19, was found dead in a yard at the back of his parents' house yesterday in Clady, co Londonderry. A shotgun held legally by his father was found by his side and crime is not suspected.

Lance-corporal Thomas Graham, aged 38, married with two children, who was shot by terrorists near Lisnaskea, co Fermanagh, on Friday, was buried yesterday. He joined the Ulster Defence Regiment at its inception in 1970.

England fans are attacked

A group of England football supporters, some injured and bloodstained, described at Heathrow airport yesterday how they had been attacked by Hungarians with bottles and bricks after England had beaten Hungary 3—1 in Budapest on Saturday night.

They said there had been no violence during the game. Afterwards 400 English supporters were kept in the stadium for half an hour by Hungarian soldiers. When they were escorted out, disappointed Hungarians threw missiles at them.

Mr Derek Blackwell, aged 19, an insurance clerk, of Solihull, Birmingham, who had his head bandaged, was hit by a brick and had 10 stitches inserted. He praised the hospital staff and the Hungarians who took him there.

Mr Steve Elderfield, aged 17, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, said: "I ducked just in time as a brick grazed my head".

His father, Mr Peter Elderfield, said: "None of the British fans caused trouble. The authorities apoloized to us for what had happened. It was just a small section of the Hungarians."

Other European countries should follow Britain in fighting football hooliganism, Sir Walter Winterbottom, director of the Sports Council, said yesterday.

Speaking at the Alliance Premier League annual congress at Scarborough, he said thtt meetings should be held between leaders of European football and the Football Association to discuss tactics, such as restricting the sale of tickets.

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MATHS DON BEATS THE PUZZLERS

From Edmund Akenhead, Crossword Editor, Chester

The fifth regional final of the Langs Supreme/Times National Crossword Championship was held in Chester, yesterday. It was attended by 99 competitors, of whom only two scored maximum puzzle points

The winner, with 80 time bonus points, was Mr Grant Walker, a mathematics lecturer in Manchester University, and the runner-up, with 39 time bonus points, was Mrs Brenda Widger, a secretary from Bowdon, Greater Manchester.

Prizes were also presented on behalf of Langs Supreme scotch whisky to David Armitage, a student at Stockport Grammar School and at the age of 16 the youngest competitor, and Mr John Roberts Jones, of Bottle.

One in ten household goods found to be faulty

By a Staff Reporter

Many people with complaints about faulty goods do not take them to the supplier, let alone to anyone else, a report by the National Consumer Council discloses today.

Yet a preliminary analysis of the results of a survey taken between November, 1979, and November, 1980, shows that it was claimed one in 10 of a whole range of household goods was faulty, the council says.

Especially prone to faults were cookers, central heating systems, water heaters and hi-fi equipment. "Yet most people did not complain to the supplier, especially if the goods were no longer brand-new", the council says.

"Sometimes this was because the appliances were out of guarantee. Sometimes it was because the consumers in the sample were convinced that no one would take any notice or because they were unsure of their legal rights."

The survey is based on nearly 2,000 interviews; when people did complian, it says, they did not always get satisfaction.

With one in four household goods that developed faults, people said they had difficulties getting them put right. Sometimes they bought new appliances rather than spend a lot on costly repairs. When they had a free repair or replacement those also sometimes proved to be faulty.

Many consumers were disappointed that goods did not last as long as they expected, particularly furniture, electrical appliances and shoes. More than one in 10 who had bought cars, vans or motor cycles in the previous year were dissatisfied with them.

Mr Jeremy Mitchell, director of the council, said the information about faulty household goods and shoes disclosed in the survey showed the number of complaints notified to the Office of Fair Trading to be only the tip of the iceberg.

"We are also disturbed by people's ignorance of their legal rights, which prevents some from complaining.

Buyers often did not realize that they might still have the right to some redress when the guarantee had expired.

The council's preliminary findings have been sent to the Law Commission, which is examining the rights of buyers where goods are defective.

Faulty Goods, Occasional Paper 1; (National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AA; £1).

☐ With the slogan, "Use them or lose them", the Avon Community Council has launched a campaign to encourage people to make more use of shopping facilities in villages, rather than going to town supermarkets.

It is based on a survey that shows, it says, that the village shop is often cheaper than the supermarket.

Many were highly competitive; indeed, to save £1 on shopping in a village it was often necessary to spend more than £30 at a town supermarket; and if the cost of travelling was considered, the average saving achieved at the town supermarket became a loss.

PENSIONERS WHO ARE BETTER OFF

Many people who retire to live on occupational and state pensions can be better off than when they were in full-time work, according to a book published today.

Mr Edward Eves, author of the 1981 edition of *Money and Your Retirement*, points out that the state pension was increased in November and is paid in addition to occupational pension. The retired pay no further national insurance contributions and also benefit from reduced tax rates.

Quoting the example of a married man earning £4,000 before retirement, Mr Eves calculates that while in employment his net take-home pay would be about £2,959 a year after deductions. If he received a half-pay pension from his employers, and the state pension, his retirement income would be just under £4,000.

The author writes that many popular notions about pensioners' finances are gloomy. Although an estimated two million of the country's nine million pensioners drew supplementary benefit and were poor by present-day standards, an estimated five million probably received additional income.

Money and Your Retirement (Choice Publications, Whitehall, London Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, RH19 1AW, £1.25).

Scotland's ceremonial chief

New Lord Lyon with heraldry in the blood

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

Mr Malcolm Rognvald Innes of Edingight, Baron of Yeochrie and Writer to the Signet, is the latest to hold the ancient Celtic office of Lord Lyon King of Arms, the supreme office of honour in Scotland.

He took over recently as guardian of the Crown's jurisdiction in Scottish armorial matters and is the thirtieth known holder of the office since 1318. He moved from one end of New Register House, in Edinburgh, into a lofty, law-book-lined office at the other.

It is there that high ceremonial in Scotland is planned, where the antecedents of all who aspire to armorial bearings are checked, where messengers-at-arms are appointed or disciplined and administration of the punctilious world of Scottish heraldry and precedence takes place.

Mr Innes is a tall, burly and splendidly cheerful man, young for a Lord Lyon at 43, with a shock of fair hair and a laugh that can almost become a roar. An appreciation of matters armorial runs deep in his blood, for his father, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, was once Lord Lyon and for three years the son was Lyon clerk to his father.

The commission is for life and carries the rank of judge in an inferior court. He has no direct English equivalent.

The office in effect combines that of the Earl Marshal, who is head of the College of Arms, and Garter King of Arms, the principal officer handling armorial matters in England.

Lyon, as he is crisply known, has more individual power and can act by decree anywhere in Scotland, raising prosecutions in the public interest, which are executed by the Procurator Fiscal of the Lyon Court.

A recent case was raised againset the state-owned ferry company, Caledonian MacBrayne, on whose ships appeared a flag showing a red lion rampant on a gold background with dabble red tressure removed.

That innocent attempt to brighten up the fleet drew a threat of prosecution from Lyon. The decoration was the standard of Wemyss of Wemyss, who was not pleased.

Another complaint was made against the Porsche company. The tyres on its cars displayed in the company's insignia the figure of a frisky horse, the arms of Stuttgart. Because they were not registered in Scotland it was illegal for them to be displayed there. Any Scottish owner of a Porsche faced the alarming prospect of a messenger-at-arms summarily removing his frisky horse with a hammer.

After talks with officials from the company who hurried to Scotland, a compromise was reached. The arms were allowed on the vehicle but not on any advertising or promotional material

Mr Innes is anxious to improve the relationship between the Lyon Court and the heraldic hierachy south of the border. He takes over at a difficult time. A royal commission is sitting on the subject of dilligence, through which High Court decrees are enforced by messengers-at-arms under the control of the Lord Lyon.

The commission is recommending that control should pass to the Court of Session, a change the Lyon Court will strongly oppose. "I see no reason for altering something that has worked well under Lyon's control for 400 years" Mr Innes said.

Even so, the Lyon Court would like to see some changes. It still rankles that Scottish heralds and judges are not invited to the opening of Parliament and that an English herald is required to take a new Scottish peer into the House of Lords.

More serious is the plight of Scots who take up armorial bearings and suddenly discover they have accidentally made themselves gentlemen of England.

Mr Innes has become Lyon just as the Earl Marshal is trying to reassert his claim to an exclusive imperial jurisdiction, not supported by the law officers, for the sole right to grant arms to Commonwealth Citizens.

The English college does not recognize a grant of arms by Lord Lyon to a Scot in a Commonwealth country. But if the Scot is persuaded to go to the College of Arms for a matriculation he will discover he has become an English gentleman no longer allowed technically even to wear his clan tartan.

"Our view is that such a claim really is untenable within the framework of the Commonwealth as it is now organized, where these countries are in fact separate realms. It would seem a great pity if people of Scots descent, loyal followers of clan chiefs, are suddenly and forcibly to be made English armigers, English gentlemen."

The reason was usually that no one, least of all the English herald, informed them that they could apply direct to the Lyon Court for a grant of arms that would ensure a full Scottish measure in their bearings and a smaller bill.



Mr Malcolm Innes: Power to act by decree.

Kendall and Baker stay with BBC

By Kenneth Gosling

Richard Baker and Kenneth Kendall, the BBC Television newsreaders, have had their contracts renewed, and there are no plans to drop them.

But more use will be made of staff correspondents, one or two of whom will read bulletins regularly from the autumn, Mr Peter Woon, editor of television news, said yesterday.

He was commenting on a report that Mr Baker and Mr Kendall were to be phased out. "They are both as popular as ever", he said, "and this is something of which we are very conscious".

The two have annual contracts with the BBC; Richard Baker has renewed his, and Kenneth Kendall's will be extended to Christmas.

Jan Leeming returns next month after having her baby and later in the year Moira Stuart will join the newsreading team on attachment from Radio 2 to become the first black woman television reader on either channel.

Mr Woon said: "We have been doing a bit of filling in ever since ngela Rippon left. The intention is to use our reporters more on this kind of work. I cannot say who, because we have not got to thtat stage yet.

"Viewers can also expect to see more of Richard Baker in the autumn".

IN BRIEF

Princes hope for PC Olds

The Prince of Wales told a group of disabled drivers at a national rally at Silverstone, Northamptonshire, yesterday that he hoped Police Constable Philip Olds, the officer crippled while tackling a gunman, would be abl eto see at least some part of the Prince's wedding next month to Lady Diana Spencer.

Killer air rifles

Children are turning air rifles into potentially lethal weapons by "supercharging" them with a simple process that vastly increases pellets' speed and penetrating power, Mr Andrey Batch, a surgeon at St George's Hospital, London, claims in the *British Medical Journal.*

Infanticide charge

Dominic Madonna, aged 31, of Ffordd Godaith, Mochdre, Powys, was remanded in custody on Saturday charged at a special court at Abergele, Clwyd, with the murder of his daughter Anne-Marie, aged four.

Peace offering

Birdwatchers at the centre at Cley, Norfolk, yesterday set up a peace fund for Major William Riley, a farmer, whose rye field at Roydon was trampled by hundreds of "twitchers" trying to spot a rare bird, the River Warbler.

Crash kills pilot

Mr Roy Legge, aged 46, a company director, of The Street, Broughton, Faversham, Kent, died on Saturday when his light aircraft crashed into a field at Seething airfield, near Norwich, Norfolk.

Askey 'satisfactory'

Arthur Askey was in satisfactory condition yesterdav at Hammersmith Hospital, London, where he is being treated for a skin complaint. The comedian was 81 on Saturday.

'Carry On' actor ill

The condition of Mr Charles Hawtrey, aged 67, the actor in the *Carry On* series if films, who had a heart attack at the weekend, was satisfactory yesterday. He is in hospital in Deal, Kent.

Daisy chain feat

Sixteen people claimed a world record for the longest daisy chain, 4,529ft, 6in, constructed at Sudbury Hall, Derbyshire yesterday.

Equity offers cash to reopen the Old Vic

By Martin Huckerby, Theatre Reporter

A new plan for the Old Vic theatre, which closed last month after the collapse of the Old Vic Company, has been launched by Equity, the actors' union, with an offer of £2,000 as an initial donation to help to form a new company to run the theatre.

The council of Equity wants the governors of the Old Vic to form a production company which would engage artists and management, as was done in Miss Lilian Baylis's time. If the company were established, the union would try to raise further funds and would help in any way it could.

Mr Marius Goring, vice-president of the union, said Equity believed that unless the governors made such a fundamental decision nothing might happen.

"If things just go on as they are, another outside enterpreneur will come along and will maybe find enough money to start something; it will continue for six months or a year and pack up, just as the others have."

Such an approach was doomed to failure, Mr Goring said.

Equity would give the £2,000 from its theatre emergency fund and from the Old Vic fund, which it started when the National Theatre left the building in 1976 and halted when the Prospect Theatre Company (later the Old Vic Company) moved in the next year.

Though hundreds of thousands of pounds would be needed to keep the Old Vic open all year, Equity suggests £2,000 would be enough to cover company formation costs.

The union has not proposed any specific artistic policy for the future company. But Mr Goring said it ought to differ in approach from the National Theatre.

It would not have the same facilities and was bound to be a second-rate competitor to the National and the Royal Shakespeare Company. He believed the Old Vic should provide a springboard for new talent.

Equity argued that the theatre was and ought to remain "a popular people's palace". It said that Sir Isaac Hayward had promised that the Greater London Council would not forget what it owed the Old Vic; the GLC had honoured its pledge over the last four years and the Old Vic was likely to find favour with the council's new Labour administration.

The union presumed that private enterprise would renew its interest in the theatre. If it did, the Arts Council might be willing to help further.

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Nairobi to spend £5m on OAU summit

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, June 7

Leading hotels here have converted some of their rooms into presidential suites, the Kenyatta International Conference Centre is busy completing an extensive facelift and the Nairobi City Hall is being refurnished in readiness for the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit later this month.

Foreign Ministers of OAU states begin arriving later this week for the ministerial session which opens on June 15 to prepare the agenda and deal with the pre-summit routine work. The African heads of state are due to meet from June 24 to 27, although nobody knows whether they will complete their business.

Kenya is spending about £5m on the preparations, much more than was spent on some earlier summits. Some of the money, such as that going on 90 new Mercedes cars to ferry visiting presidents and other dignitaries will provide a more lasting benefit to Kenya.

The cars will either be sold later to the state-owned Kenya National Transport corporation for use as taxis or will be used as official Government vehicles.

There will be 60 presidential suites in the best hotels although nobody knows how many heads of state will turn up—probably no more than 25, judging from past OAU conferences.

King Hassan of Morocco, who has not been at recent OAU summits, says he will attend. So does President Sadat of Egypt. Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, is also expected along with the heads of east, west and central African states.

Strict security precautions will operate and Kenyan authorities say that journalists and observers, as well as workers in the conference centre, will be screened.

President Daniel Arap Moi will become the new chairman of the OAU, taking over from President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, which adds to the prestige this conference carries for Kenya.

The conference business is expected to be dominated by the Western Sahara, Chad, Namibia and concern at the military build-up in the Indian Ocean area.

King Hassan is preparing a strong offensive to head off any recognition of the Polisario-backed Western Sahara Government and his intention of attending the summit is a sign of the depth of his concern about this matter.

Colonel Gaddafi will no doubt be working to counter criticism of the Libyan intervention in Chad, but there will be no division among the African leaders on the Namibian issue.

THREE MEN EXECUTED IN CHINA

Shanghai, June 7.—Three men were executed in China yesterday, two were shot here for murder and a third died in a northern town for organizing the gang rape of two girls kept locked in a room for 10 days, official newspapers reported to day.

The Shanghai newspaper *Liberation Daily* said the two shot here yesterday were factory workers Tang Minpiao and Zhang Jinwen.

Tang had forced his way into a bath-house and stabbed a woman worker 27 times after she rejected his advances. Zhang had broken into a woman's house, robbing and murdering its occupant and then burning it to destroy the evidence.

The *People's Daily* said the third man executed yesterday, Li Xu, was sentenced beside 13 collaborators in a sports stadium at Chengde, north-east of Peking, before a crowd of 50,000.

All 14 were found guilty of robbing, imprisoning, repeatedly raping and whipping two young girls during 10 days in March. It is not clear whether Li died in public. Another of the accused was given a suspended death sentence and others received unspecified jail terms.—Reuter.

Bani-Sadr refuses to be silenced by newspaper ban

Tehran, June 7.—President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr tonight called the banning of his newspaper *Islamic Revolution* an attempt to eliminate him from power and said he would not be silenced.

In a strongly-worded statement, the President said a dictatorship once again was trying to impose itself on the Iranian people.

Earlier today the Revolutionary Prosecutor's office banned the President's newspaper and five other publications for an indefinite period in the most serious attack to date against him.

The first most papers knew of the move was an announcement on state radio. Referring to the ban, Mr Bani-Sadr said it was one of several stages aimed at eliminating the elected President of Iran.

"The elimination of the President is not important. What is important is that once more the monstrosity of dictatorship and suppression wants to impose its rule", the President said in a statement.

He said he would continue to inform the people of his messages and thoughts by any means available, *including* recorded tapes.—Reuter.

☐ The state radio announcement said the ban followed complaints, notably from the three-man commission of clergymen set up to adjudicate in the current political crisis (Tony Allaway writes). It said articles in the newspapers had violated the basis of Islam.

Among the papers closed was the already semi-clandestine organ of the National Front and *Mardum*, the daily of the communist pro-Moscow Tudeh Party, a surprise considering Tudeh's calculated but outright support for the country's militant clergy.

The closures represent one of the most serious blows yet for the President. In a media under the increasing control of the governing fundamentalists, they represent his only effective means of communicating with the masses on which he supposedly relies for support.

The President met Ayatollah Khomeini for talks yesterday but no details have been disclosed.

In a further move against the President today a Bill was put before Parliament requiring the President to sign legislation within five days of receiving it, or face having it enacted despite him. The President has so far refused to sign two important bills which would significantly erode his powers.

Mr Bani-Sadr was in the western city of Hamedan when the newspaper ban was announced. His visit came after several days of reported clashes there over attempts to open an office to rally support for him. There were problems too last week during attempts to open a similar office in the southern city of Yazd.

Prisoners of conscience

Ukraine: Vasyl Stus

By Caroline Moorehead

Vasyl Stus is a Ukraniain poet, a human rights activist, and one of the 32 Helsinki monitors now known to be in jail or exile in the Soviet Union.

He is serving a second prison sentence for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. The first, eight years in the remote Magadan region of the Russian Republic, ended in August 1979. His current term, 15 years in the special regime section of a corrective labour colony, started in May 1980.

Mr Stus was working as a literary researcher in 1965 when he lost his job after protesting at the arrest of intellectuals fighting what they believed to be the "Russification" of Ukranian culture. He was unable to find work again and was arrested in 1972.

It was during his first spell in prison that Mr Stus joined the Ukranianian Helsinki monitoring group, one of the unofficial bodies set up in different Soviet Republics to watch over the Soviet Government's compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act of 1975.

After his release, he became active with the group in the city of Kiev. Almost immediately he was rearrested during a widespread move against Soviet dissenters which took place during 1980, joining some 500 other people known by Amnesty International to have been imprisoned for exercising fundamental human rights since the signing of the Act.

Mr Stus is considered a recidivist and as such is subjected to the harshest regime of corrective labour.

KORYAGIN JAILED

Moscow, June 7.—Anatoly Koryagin, a psychiatrist who alleged abuses of psychiatry in the Soviet Union, was sentenced in Kharkov to seven years in a labour camp and five years internal exile, dissidents reported.



The Pope greets the faithful in St Peter's Square yesterday before his noon blessing. It was his first public appearance since the assassination attempt.

Price on killers' heads

Dacca, June 7.—The Bangladesh Government has offered a 200,000 taka (£5,500) reward for the capture of each of the two Army officers wanted in connexion with President Zia ur-Rahman's murder last month in Chittagong.

The rewards will be paid to anyone capturing Major S. S. M. Khaled or Major Muhammad Mozaffiar Hossain dead or alive. They are described as accomplices of the late Major-General Ahmed Manzur, the leader of the coup attempt in which the President and several staff and bodyguards died at the Government guest house in Chittagong.

Eighteen Army officers have been arrested for allegedly participating in the attempt, which collapsed after mass desertions from General Manzur.—AP.

☐ Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, placed wreaths on the grave of the assassinated President after he arrived in Dacca today for a one-day good-will visit. (Reuter reports.)

The Chinese leader was originally scheduled to make an official visit. It was, however, changed to a good-will tour because the country is observing 40 days of mourning.

US ORDERS BRITISH AIRLINERS

Paris, June 7.—British Aerospace has won a $250m (£135m) order for six BAE 146-200 short haul airliners at the Paris International Air Show this weekend.

Pacific Express, an American airline will operate the aircraft in shuttle services between Los Angeles and San Francisco with flights every 30 minutes as well as between 20 other cities in seven Western states.

Air France is expected to sign a letter of intent this week for the purchase of up to 50 smaller Airbus jets.—Reuter.

Panic in refugee camp as Vietnamese attack

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok, June 7

Vietnamese troops yesterday attacked guerrillas guarding a Cambodian refugee camp less than a mile from the Thai border. Two guerrillas were killed and seven wounded.

The incident occurred in the area where the Vietnamese attacked Thai villages a year ago, and a day after they threatened to attack Thailand if plans to repatriate thousands of refugees were implemented.

The fighting caused panic among the refugees, who were already disturbed by threats from Vietnam and by reports that they would be forced in from the border by the Thai Army.

A military spokesman in Bangkok said border units had been alerted after reports that the Vietnamese might be planning to attack the Nong Chan camp, from where rice and other aid is distributed. It is also a likely border crossing point for refugees returning to the interior of Cambodia.

The spokesman said a 30-mile stretch of border north of the town of Aranyaprathet was more tense than at any time since the Vietnamese incursion last June. Most of the refugees in the area are members of the anti-communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), which is led by Mr Sonn Sann, a former Prime Minister. General Serm Na Makhon, the Thai Supreme Commander, inspected the area yesterday.

Thai ministers and officials, who were angered by threats by Mr Vo Song Giang, the Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister, insist that the repatriation programme will be implemented. Mr Giang said it would be very dangerous for Thailand to send refugees back without first discussing the matter with the Heng Samrin government, which had to be allowed to screen returning refugees for saboteurs.

The Vietnamese believe that those returning are likely to be sympathetic to the two chief groups opposed to them, the communist Khmer Rouge and the KPNLF.

Hanoi is using the issue to force Thailand to deal directly with the Heng Samrin government, which it will not recognize.

Commenting on Vietnam's threat, General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, said Thailand did not fear the Vietnamese. Dr Arun Banupong, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said Thailand had the legitimate right to send back refugees who had volunteered to go home.

Mr Zia Rizvi, regional coordinator for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), will soon discuss repatriation with the Thai Government, before visiting Phnom Penh for talks.

UNHCR officials estimate that up to 30,000 Cambodians now want to go home. Commenting on threats by Thai officials that all Cambodian refugees, not only volunteers, would be forced across the border, Mr Rizvi said Thailand adhered to the voluntary principle. "Thai policy has not changed. There's no question of Thailand pushing people back".

Threefold mission for Mauroy on rural hustings

From Ian Murray, Rennes, June 7

With his heart and speeches full of hope M Pierre Mauroy, the new Prime Minister, spent the first part of this French bank holiday weekend on the hustings of rural France.

It was the first trip he has made to the provinces since taking office—other than to his home town of Lille—and he deliberately chose two of the areas which have long resented how much they feel left out of things by Paris, the Dordogne and Brittany.

His mission was threefold. First, of course, it was meant to pick up local voters. Second, it was meant to reassure the nation about how liberal the new Socialist rule was going to be. Third, it was to preach the gospel of what he claimed was the one really great reform his government would bring in—decentralization.

In the course of six speeches, one private gathering and one press briefing held in five towns on a round trip of just over 1,000 miles he pressed his belief that provincial France was now mature enough to manage its own affairs without the big brothers in Paris watching over everything which every local authority sought to do.

The trip was crammed into 28 hours, leaving him only five hours for sleep. His short hops from city to city aboard a sleek white government Mystère 20 executive jet were, according to an exhausted aide, the only times he had been able to work uninterrupted on his own since taking office just over a fortnight ago.

When M Mauroy's voice began to crack in mid-speech around one o'clock yesterday morning, the same tired aide explained that this was because he had caught a cold since moving in to the draughty rooms of an hotel.

His speech grew and developed with the trip. It began with a few notes in the village hall of Trelissac but they were notes with which he was clearly unhappy. Only when he put them down and began speaking off his rather large cuff did he and the audience really warm to each other.

Every promise which had been made would be kept, he said, no more and certainly no less. There would be change but not disruption and there would be dialogue with everyone before everything happened.

Among all this reassurance came the first warning that everything would not be changed overnight by a few waves of a magic wand. It took a day to slow down and turn a super oil tanker, he said, and the French economy could not be turned quickly by a simple touch on the rudder.

And there were, he told this local audience in a region best known for its truffle-gathering national money problems to and goose-fattening, interface.

He chose this remote place to launch his attack on high American interest rates. They were an anarchic way of dealing with local inflation and they were causing untold harm to the economy of America's loyal allies.

It was a theme to which he returned time and again during the trip and was one aimed well beyond the confines of a village hall.

The same arguments were being used at the same time in Brive La Gaillarde in the Correze by M Jacques Delors, the Finance Minister.

The franc was being defended, the Minister said, and he said he hoped that the European Community, ceasing its family quarrels, issues a warning to the Americans to say: "we are your allies and friends, do not make our task impossible".

The French Government had not simply left the passing on of this message to reports of meetings in village halls. In Washington M Claude Cheysson, the External Relations Minister, was also explaining to American authorities that the current "fantastic" rate of the dollar could even have serious consequences on society itself.

Back at Trelissac, M Mauroy's staff were becoming worried. Accustomed as they were to his public speaking they knew that when he was in full flow he was almost as difficult to stop and turn as a supertanker. He still had a long course to follow, eventually he stopped and as a precautionary measure it was agreed that his replies to questions would be forwarded later in writing.

Then, already late, he was whisked off to a helicopter and the short journey to Libourne, where M Gilbert Mitterrand, the President's son, is trying to win one of the few seats in the area not held by the left.

Later, in Merignac, outside Bordeaux, with his voice cracking, his hair ruffled, face dripping sweat, but with the eyes behind his big round glasses still bright, he stopped.

In the interval he seemed numerically to have solved the French unemployment problem.

The way to cure it was to work less, he said. A 35-hour week for all would provide an extra 900,000 jobs. Schools, hospitals, the postal service were all short of staff. Old people needed home helps. Every one of the 850,000 school leavers this year would have a job or further training.

This may all have sounded Utopian, but in Nantes the next morning as he stood bareheaded in the Atlantic rain, he explained there was nothing wrong with that.

French release separatists held in detention

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris, June 7

In anticipation of a new law ending the jurisdiction of the Court of State Security, 31 people have been released from French prisons over the weekend. They include 10 Corsicans, nine members of nationalist groups in overseas French territories, and five Basques.

These are all people who have been arrested for involvement in autonomist movements. In addition, six members of the anarchist "Direct Action" group have been released.

A law to abolish the Court of State Security, which has been strongly criticized in the past for its lack of normal legal rights for defendents, is one of the first measures promised by President Mitterrand if the Socialist Party wins this month's legislative elections.

There are other indications of the thinking of the new Socialist regime. Visitors to the air show at Le Bourget were able to see the weaponry of fighter aircraft on display for the first time yesterday. It had all had to be removed by the lorryload on Thursday evening before President Mitterand would agree to open the show.

Then it was brought back after the official opening ceremonies. Nevertheless, one of the most important French stands at the exhibition continues to be the Matra missile show, and the company which could be nationalized by the new Government, is hoping for many foreign orders.

A clue to the future French policy on Africa has been the withdrawal in the past few days of a unit of 138 men from the Central African Republic.

Another legal change has been foreshadowed in a request from M George Fillioud, the Minister of Communications, to M Maurice Faure, the Minister of Justice. He has asked that all outstanding proceedings against pirate radio stations should be dropped pending new laws to end the state broadcasting monopoly.

M Louis le Pensec, who heads the new Ministry of the Sea, has announced an extra 30m francs (£2.7m) financial credit for maritime affairs, and Mme Edith Cresson ,the Minister of Agriculture, has promised a per cent increase in credit for young farmers.

M Alain Bombard, the Junior Minister for the Environment has even suggested that there should be an end to the centuries-old tradition of hunting from horseback of animals like stags and boars with the traditional hunting forests being turned into nature reserves.

SWEDISH 'COUP' CALL-UP

Stockholm, June 7.—Three hundred Swedes just released from military service received an official letter yesterday urgently calling them back to duty to crush a coup.

Some of them set out for their camp at Sundsvall in central Sweden. Others, puzzled by the news media's silence on the coup, telephoned to find out wha was happening.

The explanation was relatively simple. Letters recalling soldiers on leave are always prepared for a variety of developments—the outbreak of war, for example. When the serviceman completes his period of duty, the letters are destroyed.

An officer at Sundsvall who was carrying out that final chore for a recently released group of soldiers. left the "return-in-case-of-coup" letters on his desk. A well-meaning soldier thought that they were to be posted and sent them off.—Agence France-Presse.

Prison breakout

Dar es Salaam, June 7.—Thirty-two men suspected of armed robbery escaped from prison near here. Police shot one dead and have recaptured five.

US miners go back

Washington, June 7.—American miners have voted to end a 10-week strike which has paralysed coalfields in the east and midwest. The United Mine Workers said last night that a ballot was running two to one in favour of a new contract negotiated with the bituminous coal industry.

It gives a rise of 37.5 per cent over 40 months. The average annual pay of underground miners, now about $23,500 (£11,450), will rise to nearly $33,000 by the third year

Wage curb agreed by Spanish unions

From Richard Wigg
Madrid, June 7

Spain's trade unions have agreed to limit national wage increases next year to between 9 and 11 per cent in return for a government promise to create 350,000 new jobs. The wage increases are well below current inflation rates.

The Government's promise on jobs should mean that by the end of next year the unemployment figure will have been kept below two million.

A tripartite employment pact between the unions, the employers' organizations and the Ministries of economics and labour was agreed late on Friday after three days of almost non-stop negotiations.

After ratification by the rank and file of the two main trade unions, the Socialist General Labour Union and the Communist-led Workers' Commissions, the pact is expected to be formally signed on Tuesday.

The agreement is described as "without precedent" in Spain by Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister, in an interview with today's *ABC* marking his first 100 days in office. "It is often said the politicians are incapable of tackling our country's real problems. This agreement is proof to the contrary", he observes.

The Government has promised to offset by new jobs those posts lost as the world economic crmisis continues to affect Spain. About 12 per cent of the country's labour force is now idle and more than half of the unemployed are under 24.

The Government's basic motive in pushing for the pact was to do something to show the two million working class voters who supported it at the last general election that it is tackling the country's chief social problem.

If the pact holds, the Government reckons it will be able to face the electors again probably towards the end of next year.

For the unions the promise on new jobs and improvements on unemployment benefits should help to counter the argument they are not doing anything for the unemployed.

The Government has agreed to increase its contribution to the state social security system to a total of 350,000m pesetas (more than £1,840m) to permit a 1 per cent decrease in the employers' contributions.

Next year's budget will also include increased outlays of 150,000m pesetas for public works programmes.

But while Señor Juan Garcia, the Economics Minister, claimed the wages agreement and increased public investment ought to help to stimulate new jobs in the private sector, the chief negotiator for the confederation of employers' organizations expressed scepticism.

The need for wage realism by the unions was drummed home as the pact talks opened when the Bank of Spain issued figures revealing how real wages shot up here by 47 per cent between 1973 and 1978, compared to an 11 per cent average among other industrialized nations.

"The big increase in real wages has been the most important factor for generating unemployment", the governor of the Bank of Spain observed.

African leaders meet

Nairobi, June 7.—The president of Sudan, Uganda and Zaire ended a weekend meeting in Kinshasa after discussing security problems on their common borders, particularly those caused by the presence in Zaire and Sudan of thousands of Ugandans who oppose President Obote (Charles Harrison writes).



A rare interview with President Franjieh

Lebanon's loneliest leader awaits his revenge

From Robert Fisk, Zghorta, northern Lebanon, June 7

The first face you see when you enter the fiefdom of Sulieman Franjieh is that of his son, Tony, a handsome man with mischievous eyes holding in his arms a curly-haired baby girl.

His photograph is everywhere, on walls and shopfronts and on the trunks of the trees that stretch up the mountain lanes above Tripoli. And always there is another picture beside his, that of a beautiful young woman with her hair tied in a bow, looking askance at the camera as though slightly offended by the photographer's presence.

They were all butchered three years ago.

The gunmen who broke into the family home first held Tony and his wife prisoner while they blew out the brains of their baby in front of them.

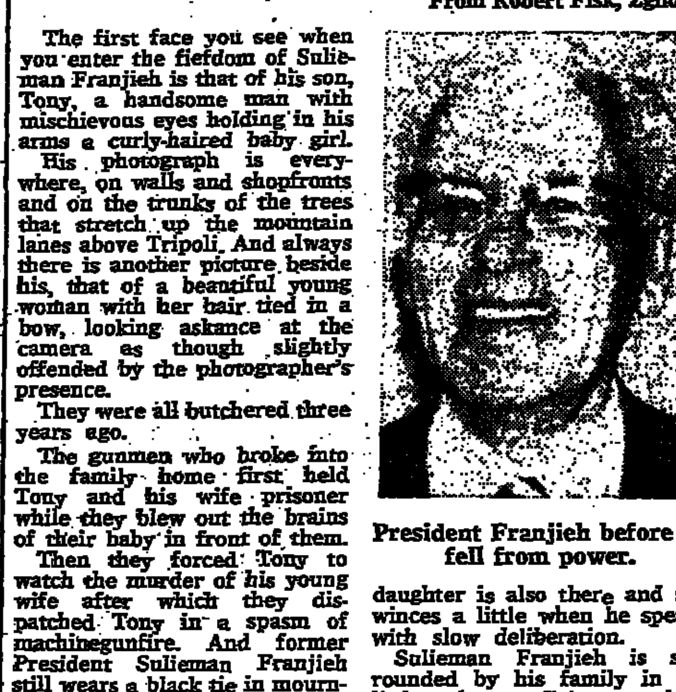
Then they forced Tony to watch the murder of his young wife after which they dispatched Tony in a spasm of machinegunfire. And former President Sulieman Franjieh still wears a black tie in mourning. The women of the Franjieh clan will not dress in black until the murders are avenged.

Asking President Franjieh how he feels now about the death of his political heir seems irreverent and his old features stiffen at his son's name. "No comment", he says stiffly; but then he draws heavily on his cigarette, puffing on it through a large brown holder. He cannot quite resist demonstrating his hatred of Shaikh Pierre Gemayel and his son Amin, the Phalangist leaders whom he holds responsible for the murders.

"I will say only one thing. I will repeat the words said by a mother who lost her only child in the fighting at Sannine. This was said by her to Shaikh Pierre and to his son Amin. 'Shaikh Pierre', she said, 'I wish you a long life so that you can see your children as I see my son today.'"

When you ask President Franjieh if he really means to use that last word 'see' in the present tense, he assures you that he does. The man who leads the Christian militia of northern Lebanon — the "Marada" the "Giants" of Ehden—and who counts himself a close personal friend of the Syrian President, is still seeking his revenge.

His cousins, Antoine and Joseph, sit beside his desk while he answers the question. His



President Franjieh before he fell from power.

daughter is also there and she winces a little when he speaks with slow deliberation.

Sulieman Franjieh is surrounded by his family in his little palace at Zghorta and by the momentoes of his days of power. A photograph opposite the desk shows him bowing before Pope Paul and a colour portrait of Tsar Nicholas stands oddly on a bookshelf.

Caged birds sing in the corridor outside, but Sulieman Franjieh is a lonely man.

Nor is his solitary condition determined only by his bereavement. Ever since he broke away from the Phalangists in 1977, taking his mountain 'Giants' out of Beirut and back to the snows of Ehden and Bcharre, he has been abused and condemned as a traitor by the largest Christian Maronite militias.

He supports the Syrian military involvement in Lebanon, he tolerates the Palestinian guerrilla presence (though on a temporary basis as he quickly points out) and describes the Phalange as Israeli bandits.

He is not, to put it mildly, the most popular man in Lebanon. But he is important.

If he stands in next year's Lebanese presidential elections, he could, with Syrian support, form the nucleus of a new pro-Syrian Maronite party to oppose the Phalange and isolate the political ambitions of the Gemayels.

In an interview with *The Times*, his first with a Western newspaper since he left the presidency, he called upon President Sarkis of Lebanon to step down.

"Any man with a minimum of patriotism and a sense of responsibility and a minimum of energy would do more for Lebanon than the current President", he said.

President Franjieh, the Lebanese retain their titles of head of state, admitted that he could not succeed Mr Sarkis if he resigned tomorrow. Lebanese law prevents a former President from running for election for six-years after his previous term of office expires.

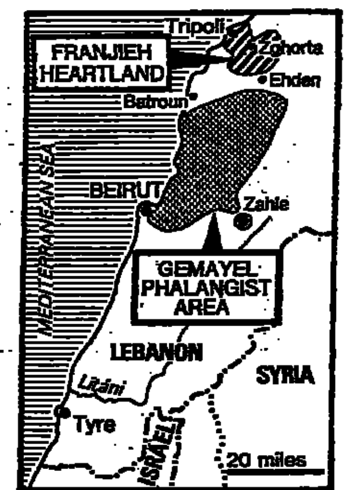
But Sulieman Franjieh clearly has no replacements in mind and his candidature next year seems an unspoken promise. Even the Syrians, it is said in Beirut, are growing tired of Mr Sarkis.

"What I ask from President Sarkis", Sulieman Franjieh said, "is a choice between two propositions. If he is convinced that the Syrian army in Lebanon is an army of occupation, then his first duty is to tell the Syrians to go back home.

"If he believes the opposite is true, then he must say so and tell the Syrians to get on with their job of maintaining order.

"The Lebanese are waiting for President Sarkis's answer and they are asking themselves how two legitimate armies (the Syrian and the Lebanese) can fight among themselves on the same front line and within only a hundred yards from the presidential palace in Beirut. How can a responsible statesman allow this to take place?"

President Franjieh believes that during his occupancy of



that palace outside Beirut, he succeeded in preventing Israeli expansion into Lebanon. The Phalange, he maintains, have become Israeli agents and he claimed that their military council in Beirut was now commanded by an Israeli army officer.

Sulieman Franjieh's antipathy towards the Israeli state extends further than politics: some might say it bordered on anti-Semitism.

He claimed with angry insistence that the Jewish Talmud provided irrefutable proof of an anti-Christian pogrom by the Jews of Arabia that ended when the Jews put their victims in underground crematoria.

He seemed convinced that hardly a word of what he said would emerge in a Western newspaper undistorted by what he mysteriously called "Zionist pressure".

At one point he shuffled through his private papers to find the official Lebanese Government minutes of his meeting with Dr Kissinger at the Lebanese town of Rayak in 1974.

He produced a copy of his private statement to the then American Secretary of State. It insisted upon the rights of Palestinians to return to Israel and emphasized the international status of Jerusalem as a religious capital.

But then it rambled off into a long account of Arab victories over European crusaders and of Arab guarantees of civil rights to Jews throughout history.

What Dr Kissinger made of all this was not disclosed.

President Franjieh prefers not to link his views with his friendship with the Assad family. His father was a close friend of President Assad's father and he remembers playing with Hafez al-Assad and his brother Rifaat when they were all six-year-olds.

Outside, in the roads of Zghorta, the Syrian troops are members of the Special Forces, the unit personally commanded by Rifaat Assad.

There is no doubt who President Franjieh's friends are. Nor of his own intentions.

The flag of the Giants carries a cedar tree surmounted by a large golden broadsword, the weapon with which the Maronites once threw their Ottoman oppressors from the mountains of the cedars above Tripoli.



Josette Bauer after her arrival in Geneva yesterday.

Longest extradition fight ends

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, June 7

The longest extradition delay on record ended today with the arrival from New York of a Swiss woman whose extradition was first demanded by Switzerland in December, 1967.

Mrs Josette Bauer, aged 45, returned under police escort to complete an eight-year sentence passed on her in 1961 by a Geneva court for complicity in her father's murder. She escaped from a prison hospital in 1964 and reached the United States.

Four years later she was sentenced in Virginia to seven years on a drug-smuggling charge. She escaped the following year, and lived under an assumed name until she was re-arrested in 1972. Her sentence in America was reduced when she provided information about people running a heroin ring, and the authorities also gave an assurance that they would do their utmost to prevent her extradition.

Orderly election held as Zimbabwe violence recedes

From Stephen Taylor, Bulawayo, June 7

Just four months ago, on the dusty road that runs west from the city centre here, national Army troops positioned at a roadblock overlooking the black residential area, poured round after round of mortar fire into the township of Entumbane.

This weekend, as the same road is thronged with pedestrians on their way to the polls to elect Bulawayo's first black majority city council, the most perilous days in Zimbabwe's short history seemed far in the past.

A football match was in progress on a field near the spot from which in February a young captain ordered his forces into action against dissident former guerrillas.

And in Entumbane itself, as men gathered at beerhalls and women hung out their washing, the only signs that the township had recently been the scene of bloody fighting were the occasional patches of repair work to the rows of township shanties.

The danger that February's clashes between former guerrillas supporting the ruling Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe and the Patriotic Front of Mr Joshua Nkomo would lead to a wider civil conflict threatening Zimbabwe's stability has passed.

The bush fighters and most of their weapons are gone from Entumbane, along with thousands of other former guerrillas they have been disarmed and are awaiting training in the national Army.

In the western townships tempers have cooled and the fervent desire of the majority, whose lives have twice been disrupted by factional clashes since independence, is for peace.

In the wake of the two rounds of fighting local elections here were twice postponed and as a result Bulawayo's is the last municipality to be making the transition from white to majority rule.

Polling started yesterday morning and finished tonight. In the first day more than 45,000 votes, representing about 31 per cent of the electorate, were cast for the 15 black seats to join the eight white councillors.

Bulawayo and the surrounding province of Matabeleland is the foundation of Mr Nkomo's political support and his Patriotic Front can confidently expect to win a substantial majority of the votes cast.

The Zanu (PF) party last night accused the Patriotic Front of electoral malpractices, among them that officials had canvassed people waiting to vote and urged voters to cast a second ballot using a false name. But these allegations were dismissed by Mr Ian Edmeades, the town clerk, who said he had toured polling stations and noticed only one irregularity.

The level of hostility that has marked the relationship between the two coalition parties since independence has subsided in recent months and there have even been talks between representatives on the possibility of a merger.

These talks have been on the initiative of Zanu (PF), which sees such a move as the platform for the creation of a one-party state after the clauses in the Lancaster House constitution guaranteeing sectional representation have lapsed.

But Mr Nkomo has said a merger is not feasible in the foreseeable future and the result of the present election is likely only to emphasize the polarization of Zimbabwe's politics, with Mr Nkomo controlling the west and Mr Mugabe the north and east.

Coloured leaders accuse police over riots

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg, June 7

The detention of a student leader was not the sole cause of unrest in Johannesburg's Coloured townships last week which was met bya brutal show of force by the police, according to community leaders.

The ysaid this weekend that the unrest was rooted in objections to the entire apartheid system and particularly inferior education. The detention by security police of Aziz Jardine, aged 18, after an anti-republic festival demonstration was merely an aggravating factor.

Today the townships where police used teargas, batons and *sjamboks* against schoolchildren and where troops were called in while a massive house-to-house search was carried out, were kuiet but still tense.

The police have announced that a special investigation under a senior officer is to be made into allegations of brutality.

The Rev Cecil Begbie, of the Methodist Church and a member of the regional educational board, said that police action had compounded the strife and provoked pupils into bigger protest demonstrations.

Dr Clifford Smith, a Coloured community spokesman on the Transvaal regional school board, said: "The Coloured commupnity is thoroughly fed up with the police and the Government to the extent that many people who have never been politically orientated against the Government are now expresing feelings against the regime."

The police action had served to unite al black students in a common cause. 'It no longer makes any difference in what group areas they live", he said.

The Star in Johannesburg this weekend expresed its concern over the use of troops to cordon off the riot areas while police made house-to-house searches and carried out scores of arrests.

IN BRIEF

Indian rail crash toll may be 300

Delhi, June 7.—It was feared tonight that more than 300 people may have died in a railway accident in northern India. A train fell from a bridge and carriages were swept down a river. About 100 bodies have been recovered (Trevor Fishlock writes).

A storm struck as the train crossed a bridge 50 miles from Patna, in Bihar state. Seven carriages were derailed, plunged into the river and were swept away. Navy boats and divers were sent to help in the search for bodies.

Test-tube twins well

Melbourne, June 7.—The first test-tube twins were making excellent progress, after a minor heart operation on the smaller baby, their doctor said.

Minister's child killed

Kampala, June 7.—The five-year-old daughter of M [illegible] Ludwana, Ugandan Minister of Tourism, was killed when his house was attacked by men using firearms and explosives.

Plot death sentences

Monrovia, June 7.—The Liberian military regime has sentenced 13 soldiers to death for plotting a coup last month and jail terms have been imposed on six men for another coup plot in May last year.

Fake paintings seized

Paris, June 7.—Three men arrested while trying to sell 22 paintings purported to be by artists including Van Gogh, Corot, Delacroix and Renoir, were told that they were all fakes.

Bombs injure 36

Bangkok, June 7.—At least 36 people were injured when bombs exploded in three Bangkok shopping areas. A telephone caller said they were the work of a separatist movement.

99.96 p.c. vote

Prague, June 7.—Candidates of the Communist-controlled National Front received 99.96 per cent of the votes in the Czechsolovak general elections held on Friday and yesterday, it was announced.

Blind cyclist's feat

Amherst, Massachusetts, June 6.—A blind man aged 71, on a tandem with a sighted companion, has cycled across the United States to attend a university reunion.

PHALANGE ASKED TO BREAK LINK

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Syria today met leftist and Phalangist leaders in Beirut, apparently hoping to gain their consent to an end of all hostilities involving the Syrian Army in Lebanon.

The ministers were reported to have asked the Phalange to break its connections with Israel as part of an agreement for a national entente although the concessions which the ministers offered in return were not disclosed.

President Sarkis of Lebanon is believed to have told the ministers at the meeting that a Lebanese contingent should join the all-Syrian Army in Lebanon that has policed the country since the 1975-76 civil war. The so-called Arab Deterrent Force would then have a distinctively Lebanese as well as a Syrian character. Syria opposes the plan.

IAN SMITH PARTY GETS NEW NAME

Bulawayo, June 7

The Rhodesian Front party agreed this weekend to change its name, but not its initials.

Two thirds of the delegates at the annual congress finally agreed that the name should be changed to the Republican Front (RF). Other names suggested include the Zimbabwe Front, the Reconciliation Front and the Republican Front of Zimbabwe.

Mr Ian Smith, the leader of the party and former Prime Minister, said that to have retained the old name would have been an anachronism in present-day Zimbabwe. As his party had declared the country a republic, "We could claim to be the first republicans.

"We have done more for this country than any other party, but now the name Rhodesia no longer exists."

The congress had agreed to support the Government of Mr Robert Mugabe when it thought cooperation was due, Mr Smith said. The principles and policies of the RF were unchanged and it would oppose constructively legislation which it believed was against those interests.

Mr Raymond Le Goy

In a report from Brussels on May 2 concerning senior staff at the European Economic Commission's headquarters, reference was made to Mr Raymond Le Goy, former Director-General for Transport.

Mr Le Goy retired from the Commission on May 1 this year on his own initiative and his leaving had no connexion with the departures of staff referred to. We are glad to dispose of any misunderstanding which may have arisen from our report.

Football

Back on the road in a veteran model

From Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Budapest, June 7

Hungary 1 England 3

Credit where credit is due. England's unforeseen defeat of Hungary in the Nep Stadium here yesterday was a remarkable recovery of confidence and as complete a performance as has been seen under the stewardship of Ron Greenwood. It led them nearer, but not yet conclusively, to the final World Cup competition in Spain next year while leaving a dilemma as deep as before.

The value of the achievement is the time it offers Mr Greenwood to overcome his own recent crisis and to contemplate matters that should have been dealt with a long time ago. The choice of team that few imagined would be positive enough to trouble the Hungarians was nothing new. In June, 1979, a side containing nine of the players who appeared against Hungary this weekend beat Bulgaria 3—0 in Sofia to raise all sorts of hopes that eventually disintegrated in the disappointment of the European championship last summer and this season's appalling run of results.

Only one player not considered in 1979 has fully developed in the interim: Robson, indisputably the finest young newcomer to emerge in Mr Greenwood's four years as manager. The rest are older, slower but in an emergency have shown by this weekend's display that they can use their experience to temporary advantage. That is not to say that one abrogates the doubts expressed in advance of this important match.

Mr Greenwood said yesterday that it was too easy for people to say that any time England won the opposition were poor. In some quarters, perhaps, England were given less recognition than they deserved, but there is no avoiding the fact of their situation before they reached Budapest. Their performance against Switzerland was abysmal and previous games had not been much better.

If there was over reaction to those results, there must be no misleading embroidery in viewing this victory which was well deserved without offering genuine hope for something more than World Cup qualification. To be fair, that was all Mr Greenwood offered and he says he now has no doubts.

Brooking is one of five players in Saturday's team who, after another hard domestic season, may not be available or sufficiently fit to assist England next year, assuming qualification is attained. Clemence, Neal, Watson, Keegan and, perhaps, McDermott, should all be under pressure from younger players. The dilemma is that there may be insufficient time to make replacements in a gradual way and retain the best features of Saturday's play.

For all the disappointment of the Hungarian display, the manner of England's win brought an acceptable emotional response from Mr Greenwood who badly wanted to be seen as a success in the country which shaped his disposition towards the game of football.

Two players not involved against Switzerland, Brooking and Thompson, made the difference. Both had been troubled by injuries, but they are composed and perceptive characters.

Brooking's first goal after 18 minutes dismissed preconceived notions that Hungary would attack incessantly during the first third of the game and probably take a clear lead. Certainly they attacked with imagination, and Torocsik was breathtaking in bursts, but their pace was less vivid than expected and once Clemence had saved from Nyilasi and Watson had been helped by Thompson to gather his composure there was no doubting that England were the better organized team.

Inevitably, Coppell was at the hub when they improvised their first goal. He exchanged passes with Neal before McDermott, so decisive, gave Brooking the ball and his shot was clipped past the colossal Katzirz with typical aplomb. Keegan's busyness maintained momentum and Mariner stretched a square Hungarian defence with his continual movement. Brooking ran through their line as if it were made of cotton. As Robson expanded in confidence England took hold. When he was pulled down by Garaba he tapped the free kick to Keegan, whose shot hit the goalkeeper's chest. Hungary were nervous but Nyilasi gave them confidence with a header that bounced off the bar and when he had to leave the field with a head wound the 10 men devised an equalising move prompted by the brave, strong Garaba who passed forward to Torocsik. Another brilliantly conceived pass was just cut out by Clemence but it fell invitingly for Garaba, who scored.

Despite the timely goal, Hungary failed to progress in the second half and McDermott might have scored after Keegan cunningly stepped over Mariner's centre. Brooking, still running strongly despite tiredness, had just failed to beat Katzirz from Watson's lifted pass over the defence when Keegan planted the ball in front of him and his dazzling shot lodged in the net.

Keegan himself finally dismissed Hungary's lamentable challenge from the penalty spot after being brought down by Garaba. Mariner had made the pass so could take consolation for an unforgiveable mess when allowing Katzirz to beat him in one of several situations in which England outnumbered the Hungarian defence.

While acknowledging that England are still faced with problems of insufficient talent, one cannot deny Mr Greenwood's pleasure at organizing this effective victory nor his right to complete his term.

Although England's victory restored their chances of being one of the two group four countries to qualify for the finals, they still need to beat Norway (away) and Hungary (home) to be sure. That would leave them with a total of 11 points, the target originally set by Mr Greenwood.

Hungary had hoped to have gained a place in Spain before meeting England at Wembley but defeat has left them in a precarious situation. Although they play at home the two least powerful countries (Switzerland and Norway), their form on Saturday by no means guaranteed success against either, specially against the Swiss, who have already held them to a draw in Lucerne and beat England in Basle.

Romania become the biggest threat to Hungary and England with their two home games (v Hungary and Switzerland) before a visit to Switzerland in November. Should England beat Norway and the Hungarians take maximum points from their next three matches, the game between them on November 18 could leave England needing one point and superior goal difference to qualify.

HUNGARY: B Katzirz (Pecsi); G Martos (Volan), L Balint (Bruges), L Varga (Honved), G Muller (Antwerp) (sub, A Komjati, Vasas), I Garaba (Honved), L Fazekas (Antwerp) (sub, B Bodonyi, Honved), T Nyilasi (Ferencvaros), L Kiss (Vasas), J Mucha (Ferencvaros), T Torocsik (Ujpest Dozsa).

ENGLAND: R Clemence (Liverpool); P Neal (Liverpool), P Thompson (Liverpool), D Watson (Southampton), M Mills (Ipswich Town), T McDermott (Liverpool), B Robson (West Bromwich Albion), T Brooking (West Ham United) (sub, R Wilkins, Manchester United), S Coppell (Manchester United), P Mariner (Ipswich Town), K Keegan (Southampton).

Referee: P Casarin (Italy).

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Romania	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Norway	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

REMAINING MATCHES: June 17: Norway v Switzerland. Sept 9: Norway v England; 23: Romania v Hungary. Oct 10: Romania v Switzerland; 14: Hungary v Switzerland; 31: Hungary v Norway. Nov 11: Switzerland v Romania; 18: England v Hungary.

Rummenigge lifts Bayern into Europe

Mönchengladbach, June 7.—Bayern Munich won the West German league for the seventh time when they beat Borussia Mönchen Gladbach 4—1 yesterday. With one match left, Bayern are four points clear of their nearest rivals, SV Hamburg, who drew 0—0 with 1860 Munich.

It was Bayern's second successive Bundesliga title and enables them to play in the European Cup again. They were knocked out of this year's competition in the semifinal round by Liverpool, the eventual winners.

It was Europe's Footballer of the Year, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who lifted Bayern to their title. He thrilled a capacity 34,500 crowd with spectacular shots from all angles and scored three times to take his season's tally to 27. Niedermayer scored the other goal from a Rummenigge cross.

By beating the doomed Schalke 04, Kaserslautern clinched a place in the Uefa Cup along with Hamburg and third-placed VFB Stuttgart. Borussia Dortmund had a 4—0 away win over Eintracht, Frankfurt and need only a point against München Gladbach next week to take the remaining West German Uefa Cup berth. Eintracht have qualified for the Cup Winners' Cup.

Lokomotive Leipzig will represent East Germany in the Cup Winners' Cup. They defeated Vorwaerts Frankfurt-Oder 4—1 in the East German cup final yesterday.

In the Netherlands FC Groningen assured themselves of another season in the top division by beating PSV Eindhoven 2—0. Wageningen and Excelsior were relegated. Sparta, of Rotterdam, decisively defeated neighbours, Excelsior, 5—2 with Loggie, formerly of York City, scoring three times.

Ajax Amsterdam defeated FC Utrecht 1—0 through a penalty by the captain, F. Arnesen, while FC Twente and Feyenoord, of Rotterdam, turned the Enschede's Diekman Stadium into a shooting gallery, as Feyenoord won 7—3.

Afterwards a Twente spokesman announced that Hallvar Thoresen, the team's Norwegian international, had broken off negotiations with the New York Cosmos. The Twente player is expected to sign a contract with PSV Eindhoven for the new season. Geels, of Sparta, finished top of the goalscorers for the fifth time with a total of 22 goals, ahead of Denmark's Erikson, of Roda JC, with 21 and Alkmaar's Welzl with 20.

AUSTRIAN: Sturm 7, Sportclub 0; Admira/Wacker 3, Eisenstadt 2; Salzburg 1, Lask 0; Voest 5, GAK 2; Austria Wien 0, Rapid 0.

DUTCH: Sparta Rotterdam 5, Excelsior 2; Groningen 2, Eindhoven 0; Den Haag 1, Breda 2; Alkmaar 1, Wageningen 0; Zwolle 3, Kerkrade 0; Nijmegen 2, Go Ahead Eagles 3; Ajax 1, Utrecht 0; Maastricht 2, Tilburg 2; Twente Enschede 3, Feyenoord 7.

EAST GERMAN CUP: Lokomotive Leipzig 4, Vorwaerts Frankfurt-Oder 1.

PORTUGUESE CUP: Benfica 3, Porto 1.

SPANISH CUP: Sporting 3, Sevilla 0; Barcelona 2, Atletico Bilbao 0.

WEST GERMAN: Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Bayern Munich 4; Bayer Uerdingen 0, Karlsruhe 3; Bochum 1, Stuttgart 1; Duisburg 2, Bayer Leverkusen 4; 1860 Munich 0, Hamburg 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Borussia Dortmund 4; Kaiserslautern 2, Schalke 04 0; Nuremberg 2, Arminia Bielefeld 0; Cologne 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 2.

WORLD CUP: Oceania group: Fiji 2, Taiwan 1.

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Montreal Manic 1, Toronto Blizzard 0; California Surf 1, Fort Lauderdale Strikers 0; Seattle Sounders 2, Dallas Mavericks 0; Jacksonville Tea Men 3, Tulsa Roughnecks 2; Minnesota Kicks 4, Washington Diplomats 3; Calgary Boomers 3, Vancouver Whitecaps 2; Los Angeles Aztecs 2, Edmonton Drillers 1.

Rotherham pose legal threat to Porterfield

A row blew up yesterday between South Yorkshire neighbours Rotherham and Sheffield United, over the move by Ian Porterfield to manage Sheffield United. After Mr Porterfield had officially accepted the job at Bramall Lane, Rotherham threatened legal action.

The Rotherham secretary, Jim Bennison, said in a statement: "The actions of Sheffield United in inducing Mr Porterfield to leave whilst he was still under contract with us, and of Mr Porterfield in leaving at short notice, has caused us grave embarrassment.

"We have taken urgent legal advice and it is now our intention to bring proceedings against the parties concerned to recover our loss, which will be substantal."

Halfax Town face debts of £60,000, including a £35,000 overdraft which the bank has foreclosed. The fourth division club's millionaire chairman, Sam Rorke, who joined the board less than six months ago, said the situation would be discussed

Rugby Union

England tackle a difficult problem and store credit for new season

From Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Buenos Aires, June 7

Argentina 6 England 12

England brought their tour to a triumphant conclusion yesterday when, with a performance of great character and resilience, they became the first home country to win a two-match international series out here since Ireland did so all but 30 years ago. It was a fierce, totally absorbing and sometimes simmering contest with a taut finish: "I haven't played in a harder international," Beaumont, England's captain, said afterwards. "The full caps awarded here couldn't have been harder earned in Cape Town, Sydney or Auckland."

Beaumont also observed with every justification that he had never seen an England side tackle with such consistent heart and uncompromising effect. Their all-round defence was magnificent as, indeed, it needed to be when the Pumas hammered away at them in the final quarter.

Yet over the course of the game England created more scoring chances than their opponents and they held on to win by a goal and two penalty goals to a goal. The English defence, happily, was tight enough in the first half too, when the Pumas counter-attacked with characteristic relish or ran the ball from tapped penalties. In that period, playing with patience and control, England held the territorial initiative and built a lead of 6—0 with two fine penalties from Hare. Another, earlier on, hit the bar from 45 metres.

Just before the interval Beaumont drove imperiously from a lineout won by Scott. The props, Smart and Pearce, gave vital support and Swift, on the end of a long pass from Davies, was crashed into the corner flag. But England got the crucial score three minutes into the second half when Hare went up the right behind a scissors between Woodward and Carleton.

A ruck gave Smith his chance to prise open the defence with a strong, dummying break. Davies timed his supporting run to perfection for a try under the posts—his third in internationals—and improvement by Hare.

England held their 12-point advantage for 20 minutes but Hare, dithering in his in-goal area, was caught in possession to set up three successive Pumas scrummages, from the third of which their No 8, Travaglini, plunged over for a try converted by Porta. Just previously Porta, with a pinpoint kick from a tap by the posts, all but created a score for his left wing but England were grateful that on this, and another occasion, he did not kick at goal.

Argentina's captain altogether missed three penalties and a drop shot. By his own standards he had an undistinguished game. He also lost his cool with a violent late tackle on Davies, but he made a marvellous tackle to scotch a likely try by Carleton.

In the England pack, which was never in trouble on its own put-in and which twice shoved the Pumas off the ball, Rafter had an immense game on a flank in the first half and Jeavons his best all-round effort to date. The lineout, however, leniently refereed, was lost 19—29.

Smith, at scrum half, enjoyed one of his most telling games. Davies, with his tackling and at least one splendid catch under the hottest pressure, was an important asset in the defensive pattern. He fared less successfully as a runner, nor did he kick as consistently accurately as he can, but a perfectly judged kick, superbly caught by Carleton, led directly to Hare's second penalty.

Carleton's strength, vehement tackling and covering yet again were invaluable, but it was a day when everyone tackled their hearts out. In this respect I have never seen Woodward do so well. Dodge's contribution may be taken for granted, and his long and accurate line-kicking was often an important ingredient for success. Not impeccable in other areas, Hare once more bravely caught everything Porta kicked at him.

All in all, this shining performance on a damp and gloomy afternoon did English rugby proud. The coach, Mike Davis, said the timing of this tour, and quality of the opposition out here, have given invaluable preparation for the season to come: "It has sorted out the men from the boys," he added, "or at least the boys have had to become men very quickly."

ARGENTINA: D Baetti; A Cappalletti, M Loffreda, R Madero, M Campo; H Porta (captain), R Landajo; E Rodriguez, J Perez Cobo, F Morel, A Iachetti, E Branca, E Ure, G Travaglini, T Petersen.

ENGLAND: W Hare; J Carleton, C Woodward, P Dodge, A Swift; H Davies, S Smith; C Smart, S Mills, G Pearce, W Beaumont (captain), J Fidler, M Rafter, J Scott, N Jeavons.

Referee: J-P Bonnet (France).

Gallant Irish go down to Botha's boot

From a Special Correspondent
Durban, June 7

South Africa 12 Ireland 10

Naas Botha, the South African stand-off who dropped three goals against Argentina in his first international appearance last year on the King's Park ground, performed an exact repeat against the Irish yesterday on his second international appearance in Durban. That, plus a penalty goal, snatched victory from a gallant and skilful Irish team that fully deserved to win.

The feature, as in the first international was that the Irish pack had the heavier Springbok pack in trouble in the loose. The South Africans did win the lineout count 35—28 but they lost a lot of possession to the splendidly ferocious Irish flankers. Slattery was outstanding as was Duggan at No 8 and Orr at loose head prop.

Greenwell, however, the Irish coach, can feel satisfied. This most controversial tour had deprived them of several of their top players, including Ward, MacNeill and forwards of the stature of Keane, Donal Spring and Gibson. Despite all that they have forced the South Africans to rethink their whole game as they approach the tour against the All Blacks in New Zealand. Slattery said that their "rather static style of forward play will have to be changed or the Springboks will be in trouble in New Zealand."

The surprise was that the South African backs were also often in a state of nerves as the Irish whirled down on them. Only the cool Botha and the first coloured players to play for South Africa, Tobias, did not tarnish their reputations.

Botha gave South Africa an early lead with a penalty but midway through the first half the Irish scored their try. Duggan and the scrum half, McGrath, won possession on the left and Dean placed a neat chip kick for Kennedy to gather in full flight before passing to the supporting O'Brien who scored in the corner.

Botha dropped his first goal following a lineout near the Irish line but Quinn's penalty gave the Irish an outstanding 7—6 halftime lead. A few minutes after the restart the flanking Kennedy was obstructed attempting to follow up his kick and Quinn put Ireland 10—6 ahead. But Quinn missed three other kicks, including the conversion, to underline Campbell's absence. The powerful Springboks began to exert more pressure and, with five minutes to go, Botha dropped his third goal to win the match.

IRELAND: K O'Brien; T Kennedy, D Irwin, P Dean (rep, J Hewitt), P McLennan; M Quinn, R McGrath; P Orr, J Cantrell, G McLoughlin, B Foley; J Holland, F Slattery (captain), W Duggan, J O'Driscoll.

SOUTH AFRICA—G Pienaar; R Mordt, E Tobias, D Gerber, G Germishuys; N Botha, D Serfontein; R Prentis, W Kahts, O Oosthuizen, L Moolman, K de Klerk, R Louw, W Claasson, T Stofberg (captain).

Referee: F Palmade (France).

McLennan stays: The Irish left wing, McLennan, will remain in South Africa to play for Western Province, the South African Press Association reports. Quinn will also stay behind for a two-week holiday.

Laidlaw prompts significant win

From Iain Mackenzie
Christchurch, June 7

Canterbury 12 Scotland 23

The really tough provincial game for the Scots on tour was supposed to be the one at Lancaster Park yesterday. Instead, it turned out to be a bit of a stroll for the tourists limbering up for the first international against New Zealand in Dunedin next weekend. As even their own supporters admit, Canterbury are not the side they were. The chances are, however, that had they been able to field the great team of less than a decade ago, Scotland would still have finished in front.

The margin was two tries, a dropped goal and four penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals. It should have been wider. Dods missed his first four kicks at goal two penalty attempts and two conversions, and in the last 10 minutes the Scots, over-confident perhaps, allowed Canterbury to charge up into their 22 and eventually cross their line.

A final result of something like 40-6 would not have been out of order, but there remains the nagging doubt about the "killer instinct" in the Scottish ranks. That may yet prove to be the difference between the international sides.

Still, not for the first time on this tour, Scotland have shown the New Zealanders how to ruck. That aspect of the game used to belong almost by right to New Zealand teams, but now the balance has swung, or at least is swinging. The entire Scottish eight went into Canterbury like demons; it was obvious the coach Jim Telfer, had been having his say, and the result was a steady supply of build-up ball for Laidlaw. On top of that, the Scots won the lineouts 20-14.

What an outstanding scrum half Laidlaw, a little electrician from the tiny Borders town of Jedburgh, is turning out to be. It has been his lot to play for 10 seasons in senior rugby largely behind beaten packs. Despite this, he has fought through to the highest honours, and even the Christchurch crowd rose to him when he scored against Canterbury.

That one was a typical piece of Laidlaw magic. The Canterbury half backs, inside their own 22, and with the ball out clean from their own put-in at a set scrum, got themselves into an awful tangle. In the stand, one could follow Laidlaw's thought pocess almost before he began to move. As the Canterbury backs dithered the pass he knew would be thrown, and ran in with no-one near him for his first try in a Scottish jersey. The try itself was simple enough; it was the quick intelligence which went into it that made it memorable.

Munro's try more spectacular. He took a pass from Rutherford and went through the Canterbury left field defence as though it did not exist. Rutherford dropped a delightful goal, too, from a long pass by Laidlaw.

The other Scottish points came from four penalties by Dods who "scotched" the rumour that without Irvine, Scotland are a no-hope side. Early in the game Dods missed easy kicks but with his own Gala captain, Aitken, leading the side in Irvine's enforced absence because of a muscle strain, he was deliberately kept "on duty" and won through.

Canterbury took a 6—0 lead early on, after two penalties by their full back, Dennis. He also converted a late try by Wayne Smith, but by then, Scotland had just about gone in to the showers.

SCOTLAND: P Dods; S Munro, J Renwick, A Cranston, B Hay; J Rutherford, R Laidlaw; J Aitken (captain), C Deans, I Milne, W Cuthbertson, A Tomes, I Paxton, D Leslie, J Calder.

CANTERBURY: R Deans; R Scott, V Simpson, B Ooigen, K Keane; W Smith, S Scott, J Ashworth, M Powley, M Davies (rep, P O'Byrne), G Higginson, D White, P McLaren, D Haynes (captain), J Hobbs.

Referee: J Grogan (Waikato).

Haden doubt: The New Zealand lock, Haden, was sent off in a club match yesterday and is doubtful for the international against Scotland, Reuter reports. He was dismissed five minutes from the end of the game between his club, Ponsonby, and Grammar, for striking the Grammar lock, Whetton. He will appear before the Auckland Rugby Union's judicial committee on Tuesday night.

Cycling

A young man with the world at his wheels

By John Wilcockson

For the fourth time in five years, a Soviet cyclist has won the Milk Race. Like those before him, Gousseinov in 1977, Kachinine in 1979 and Mitchenko in 1980, this year's winner, Sergei Krivocheev, is one of his country's younger, less experienced men who is being groomed for world championship and Olympic representation.

Krivocheev, aged 21, had no problems defending his overall lead during the final stage on Saturday because a violent headwind prevented the development of any attacks on the 82-mile route from Harrogate to Blackpool. But the Soviet team did not take any chances and the day's two main hill prizes, at Blubberhouses, which was ridden up in a downpour, and the Trough of Bowland, which was bathed in sunshine, were both won by Russians, Andrei Vedernikov and Vladimir Malakhov.

The remarkable Vedernikov also took third place in the exciting final sprint along the storm-battered Blackpool promenade, a sprint that was won by Mark Bell, aged 20, the youngest member of a successful Great Britain team.

Although the Soviet men ended the race in first and second positions, with only 11 seconds separating the runner-up, Vedernikov, from his Red Army colleague, Krivocheev, they had not dominated the race as much as previous teams. This is only the second time in nine Milk Race appearances that the Russians have failed to win the team title. This competition was won by Poland.

The top Polish rider, Zbigniew Szczepkowski, had a consistent race, confirming his previous outstanding performance in 1979, when he won the Mountains grand prix, but lost seven minutes with a puncture when he was lying third overall. This year he won the points classification, which is based on placings in each stage, and also gained one stage victory.

At 29, Szczepkowski is one of the more experienced of international amateurs. He held the race leadership for six of the 12 stages, finally losing the yellow jersey at Middlesbrough after he missed a vital nine-man break on the short, sharp ninth stage from Scarborough.

It was on this stage, too, that Bob Downs of Great Britain lost his chances of winning the 1981 Milk Race. Downs was in the breakaway group that had formed on the difficult section through the Cleveland hills and he looked set to move up among the leaders with his team colleague, Joe Waugh.

Unfortunately, Downs punctured a tyre when the group was moving at 30 mph on the final 10, wind-assisted miles.

The winner of the Scarborough-to-Middlesbrough stage, Dag Pedersen of Norway, was disqualified two days later when it was revealed that ephedrine had been identified in the sample he had provided in the routine anti-doping control. This meant that the stage win was eventually awarded to Waugh which, together with Bell's victory on Saturday, gave Great Britain a total of six stage wins. This was their best performance since 1976.

STAGE 12 (Harrogate-Blackpool, 82 miles): 1, M Bell (GB), 3hr 55min 41sec; 2, Z Szczepkowski (Poland); 3, A Vedernikov (USSR); 4, P Thomas (GB); 5, A Adamson (Sweden); 6, O Flishni (USSR), all same time 3:55:41.

FINAL PLACINGS (after 1,125 miles): 1, S Krivocheev (USSR), 44:28.37; 2, Vedernikov, 44:28.48; 3, Szczepkowski (Poland), 44:29.50; 4, R Downs (GB), 44:29.56; 5, J Brzezny (Poland), 44:29.58; 6, J Waugh (GB), 44:30.36; 7, W Mokiewski (Poland), 44:31.07; 8, B Wodok (Poland), 44:31.08; 9, A Mierzelewski (Poland), 44:31.40; 10, C Goeransson (Sweden), 44:32.06.

TEAM PLACINGS: 1, Poland, 133hr 14min 55sec; 2, USSR, 133:17.12; 3, Norway, 133:31.59; 4, Sweden, 133:37.31; 5, Great Britain, 133:40.28.

Battaglin wins: Italy's Giovanni Battaglin won the sixty-fourth Italian tour, the Giro, after fighting off the attack of his compatriot, Giuseppe Saronni in the last stage, a 42km time trial from Soave to Verona. Norway's Knut Knudsen won the stage, but the top three overall leaders finished only three seconds apart. Tommy Prim finished second overall and Saronni third.

Knudsen won the stage in 51.50 minutes. Saronni and Prim had been, respectively, 39 and 50 seconds behind Battaglin in the overall standings before the final stage. Prim finished second in the stage (53:12), Battaglin third (43:14) and Saronni Fourth (53:15).

A competitor, Roberto Visentini said of his rival: "Battaglin deserved to win. He's the one who took the initiative, especially in the mountains." Battaglin said: "I controlled the Giro the whole way. I had to take it easy in the beginning since I had given so much of myself in the Vuelta (the Spanish tour), but I attacked in the mountains, when I wanted to, and everything went well."—Agence France Presse.

VERONA: Tour of Italy, final stage: 1, K Knudsen (Norway), 51mins 50 secs; 2, T Prim (Sweden), 53:12; 3, G Battaglin (Italy), 53:14. Final placings: Overall: 1, Battaglin, 104:51:36; 2, Prim, 104:52:14; 3, G Saronni (Italy), 104:52:26; 4, S Contini (Italy), 104:54:35; 5, J Fuchs (Switzerland), 104:54:55.

Motor cycling

Crosby declared winner of TT race after appeal

Graeme Crosby, of New Zealand, was yesterday declared winner of the weekend's Isle of Man formula one TT race after a successful appeal. Ron Haslam and Joey Dunlop of the rival Honda team, were relegated to second and third places, respectively.

The basis of the appeal—unanimously upheld by the international jury—was that Crosby had been unfairly made to start at the rear of the field after carrying out repairs on the starting grid. The decision added almost five minutes to his original race time. But officials yesterday reassessed Crosby's time and promoted him from third to first with a two-minute winning margin.

SATURDAY: Formula one: revised result: 1, G. Crosby (Suzuki), 2hr 1min 28.8sec (111.81 mph); 2, R Haslam (Honda), 2:3:28.9 (109.98 mph); 3, J Dunlop (Honda), 2:4:7.6 (109.42mph). Sidecar: 1, J Taylor, (Yamaha) 1:3:27.4; 2, M Boddice, (Yamaha) 1:6:17.6; 3, D Bailey, (Yamaha) 1:8:29.4.

Boxing

Minter seeks rematch with Hamsho

Alan Minter's world middleweight title chances were virtually extinguished by a narrow points defeat by the New York-based Syrian Mustafa Hamsho at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, on Saturday. Minter battled with distinction in the 10-round world championship eliminator, but not quite well enough in the opinion of two of the three American judges. Without a doubt it was aggression and strength rather than quality which beat Minter.

"I think the decision is far off," said Minter, "I think I am the uncrowned number one contender." Minter's manager, father-in-law Doug Bidwell, naturally agreed and said: "The decision was diabolic. There is no question Alan won and we deserve a rematch. But two of the men who matter, the judges, disagreed. Hal Miller and Chuck Minker had Hamsho winning 97-93 seven rounds to three, although Jerry Roth had Minter ahead 96—94 (6-4).

Taking this bout was a calculated risk by Minter, who was obsessed with the need to get himself a return with the American Marvin Hagler, who took the world title from him in London last September. At 29, Minter chose to take the short cut to restore himself to the position of No. 1 contender, which Hamsho holds. It was a gamble which failed narrowly.

It was a punishing but not desperately hard contest. Hamsho was cut around the left eye and Minter finished with an ugly gash on the right cheekbone. Good punches were given and taken, but neither man scored a knockdown in a contest which never flagged.



Close counter: Hamsho stopped in his tracks as he walks into a Minter left

Minter built up an early lead with his slick jabbing and in the fifth round he jarred Hamsho with a wicked left. But the 26-year-old Syrian found hidden reserves of strength and gradually whittled down Minter's lead, buckling his opponent's legs in the seventh with a blistering combination of head and body punches. Minter came out slugging the final two rounds in a bid to score a knockout but he had little chance of beating Hamsho at his own game.

Hamsho was well aware of this and stuck his tongue out at Minter as the bell sounded ending the ninth round. Minter, aware of the futility of it all, merely smiled and playfully cuffed Hamsho on both ears.

The cut under his eye, a nasty gash, came from a butt in the eighth round, but it had no effect on the bout. Hamsho had Minter in serious trouble only once, in the fourth round when a right backed him to the ropes. Minter, to the dismay of his cornerman, elected to slug it out instead of sticking to his plan and jabbing and moving from side to side.

Luis Ibarra, of Panama, regained the World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title in Buenos Aires by beating the holder, Santos Laciar, of Argentina, on points. Ibarra, constantly attacked in the early rounds. Laciar, with a badly swollen right eye and a bleeding nose, managed a rally in the tenth round but his desperate attack failed to erase the challenger's lead.

Ibarra had held the title for three months after beating Venezuela's Betulio Gonzalez in November, 1979, but lost it on a technical knockout to Tae Shik Kim, of South Korea in his first defence. Laciar was defending the title for the first time since he won it by beating Peter Mathebula, of South Africa, on a technical knockout in Soweto on March 28.

Rugby League

French hopes dashed by New Zealand

Auckland, June 7.—France's hopes of becoming the unofficial world Rugby League champions by beating New Zealand and Australia were dashed here today when they were beaten 26—3 by the Kiwis in the first international of their two-month tour of the two countries and Papua New Guinea.

New Zealand scored six tries to the European champion's one, and the lack of recent match play by the French was obvious as they took on the very fit Kiwis. It was the biggest losing margin ever suffered by France against the Kiwis, in an international although New Zealand did beat France 27—0 in the 1975 World Cup.

New Zealand went straight into attack and put the French defence under heavy pressure

Auckland, June 7.—The New Zealand backs Dane O'Hara and James Leuluai have signed three-year contracts with Hull. Dick Gemmell, who handled the negotiations for Hull, said: "I am delighted. They have made the right decision. They will be idolised at home. There are a lot of people just waiting for them to arrive. Hull won O'Hara's signature against competition from the Australian club, North Sydney.—Reuter.

Hockey

Slough squander position as Europe's top club

From Sydney Friskin
Brussels, June 7

Slough 1 Frankenthal 1

Slough's supremacy in Europe came to a halt here today. They could manage only a draw against Frankenthal, of West Germany, and will be playing Real Club de Polo (Barcelona) for the bronze medal tomorrow. Ska Sverdlovsk, from the Soviet Union, and Klein Zwitserland of the Netherlands, have qualified for the final, the Dutch on goal difference.

After a day of surprise results yesterday six teams were left with and even chance of reaching the final, and seven with hopes of winning a medal. Slough's fate, apart from today's result, rested on the French club, Lyon, taking at least a point from the Russians. But it was in the end, only a forlorn hope. The Russians broke the last semblance of French resistance to win 3—1.

Slough were beaten 2—0 yesterday in Group A by the Russians now moving inexorably forward in the international field. They have with them six members of the national team that won the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Moscow. Today, was another sad period of lost opportunity for Slough, who not only squandered 11 short corners, but also a penalty stroke which, if converted would have given them a 2—0 lead. But the goalkeeper saved well off Saini and the Germans, happily reprieved, fought for their lives.

Defeat for Frankenthal would have meant relegation for the next German champions to the second division of this competition next year, a fate which now awaits the Scottish champions, Edinburgh Civil Service, having finished at the bottom of their own pool. The French champions will go down with them.

When Laly scored off the rebound for Slough today in the fourth minute, they seemed to have put themselves right with the world. But there followed a spate of unconverted short corners, and after Frankenthal had drawn level from a penalty stroke, they refused to yield. In mitigation, it could be said that a bad pitch did not help Slough's skills.

MEN: Group A: F C Lyon 1, Ska Sverdlovsk (USSR) 3; Slough 1, Frankenthal (WG) 1; Real Club de Polo (Barcelona) 5, Edinburgh Civil Service 1; Royal Uccle Sport (Belgium) 0, Klein Zwitserland (Netherlands) 4.

WOMEN: Group A: Amsterdam 1, Andizhanka (USSR) 0; Portadown 3, Norton (England) 1; Uccle Sport 0, Glasgow Western 2; Cologne 2, Penarth Ladies 1.

Saturday

MEN: Group A: Frankenthal 1, Lyon 2; Slough 0, Ska Sverdlovsk 2. Group B: Klein Zwitserland 1, Real Club de Polo 1; Uccle Sport 2, Edinburgh Civil Service 0.

WOMEN: Group A: Portadown 1, Andizhanka 1; Amsterdam 5, Norton 0. Group B: Uccle Sport 1, Cologne 4, Glasgow Western 1, Penarth 0.

Motor rallying

Pond maintains his lead in Scottish event

Tony Pond continued to lead the Lombard Scottish rally as the cars neared the halfway stage. At the breakfast halt yesterday morning Pond, driving a Vauxhall Chevette, was ahead of Jimmy McRae, current leader in the RAC British Open championship, by just 1min 11sec.

The two leaders were being hotly pursued by both Rothman's team Ford Escorts driven by Pentti Airikkala, of Finland, and Malcolm Wilson. Less than four minutes separated the first four cars. Airikkala, currently second in the championship table, needs points from the rally to have any chance of catching McRae in the final championship round—the Manx.

Russell Brookes suffered another blow to his championship chances when his Talbot Sunbeam dropped from fourth to 18th position after leaving the track and becoming stuck in a ditch.

Rifle shooting

GLASGOW: Scottish open championship: 1, C O'Brien (Manchester), 178; 2, R Anthonies (Sheffield) and A Clarke (Army Target), 177. Caledonian Shield: 1, D Tannahill (Glasgow), 195; 2, S Nicoll (Perth), 194; 3, J Scobie (Stirling), 194. Grand aggregate: 1, R Bramley (Shropshire), 471; 2, D Gladwin (East Scotland), 468; 3, K Pugh (Newcastle), S Nicoll (Perth).

Yachting

Blyth and Knox-Johnston make light of heavy weather

By John Nicholls

Chay Blyth and Robert James in Brittany Ferries GB were reported to be leading at the end of the second day of the Observer/Europe 1 Transatlantic Race. They were followed by another of the British entries, Sea Falcon, sailed by Robin Knox-Johnston and Billy King-Harman and were then about 130 miles west of the Scillies.

This means that they are sailing impressively fast and given the continuation of the prevailing conditions, it is already clear that the boats that can hang together are going to make a fast passage to Newport, Rhode Island.

The immediate weather forecasts are for more depressions and gales, which is good news for those of the 103 starters still left whose boats have shown they can weather the storms. Those that cannot are retiring as their problems occur, and thankfully, the only troubles known so far are to boats, not their two-man or woman crews.

The first casualty was the French trimaran d'Aucy (A. Labbe and F. Brillant) which was rammed by another Frenchman, the Sudinox (G. and D. Delage) within minutes of the start. D'Aucy's mast was folded neatly in half and her starboard float was damaged, while Sudinox also returned to Plymouth with a torn sail.

For d'Aucy the race was over almost before it had begun, but Sudinox was able to set off again yesterday morning after repairs. By the afternoon, however, she was back again with the sail still giving trouble and her crew hope to try again today. Petit Requin (M. Ralys and C. Mahe) another of the French trimarans, also returned with a sail defect, this time the gybe furling mechanism had ceased to function. Again, they hope to rejoin the race, as do Slade Penoyre and Tony Blofeld in the diminutive British trimaran, Telstar SP. They lost a hatch cover and suffered a swamped float, which they were able to empty, but only at the cost of a temporary retirement.

One of the all-women crews in the race, Eve Bonham and Diana Thomas-Ellam reported that they have called at St Mary's in the Scillies after "hearing funny noises from the rudder". Their boat called Hello World is sponsored by British Telecom International and no doubt they too will want to be on their way again as soon as possible.

Chasing after Brittany Ferries GB and Sea Falcon are two of the pack of highly fancied French entries, Jacques Ribourel (Olivier de Kersauson and Gerard Dijkstra) and Gautier (Jean-Yves Terlain and Christian Ferrier). Close behind them is Tele-7 Jours sailed by the Canadian Mike Birch and the American Walter Greene, two of the most experienced and successful long-distance racing yachtsmen in the world.

The first five boats are all multihulls, with Sea Falcon being the only catamaran among the dominant trimarans. The first monohull is Monsieur Meuble (Florence Arthaud and François Boucher) in eleventh place. At 69 feet overall she is the fourth longest boat in the fleet and if that is the best she can achieve in conditions that ought to be favourable to a large monohull (strong headwinds) it would seem there is now little hope for a conventional yacht in this specialized form of racing.

Dragon lifts her hopes of Admiral's Cup selection

By John Nicholls

During what was, for most people, a wet and windy weekend, it was surprising to learn that many competitors on the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Seine Bay race were able to sunbathe while becalmed off Le Havre on Saturday morning. At this, the halfway stage of the 206-mile course, many of the 85 starters were held back by a contrary tide, while others just a few miles away were able to creep along and gain time which was never subsequently lost.

The smaller and slower boats were the worse affected and it shows in the results. All the overall leaders are in classes one and two with corrected times becoming longer in the lower classes. Nadia (R. Matthews and J. Christen) was the overall winner of the race and of class two, from Regardless (K. Rohan) and Dragon (B. Saffery Cooper).

Nadia is likely to be representing Switzerland in the Admiral's Cup series at Cowes and Regardless is an Irish boat, leaving Dragon as the best-placed British boat hoping for team selection. She was followed on corrected time by the winner of class one, Marionette (C. Dunning) and Victory (P. de Savary). Victory is now the most consistent of the 17 boats which are eligible for the British Admiral's Cup team.

CLASS 1: 1, Marionette (C Dunning) 32hrs 37mins 20sec; 2, Formidable (P Vroon, Netherlands) 32:44.41; 3, Victory (P de Savary) 32:45.03.

CLASS 2: 1, Nadia (R Matthews) 32:03.34; 2, Regardless (K Rohan, Ireland) 32:32.07; 3, Dragon (B Saffery Cooper) 32:55.21.

CLASS 3: 1, Rakau (G Lowson and B Ferris) 33:03.22; 2, Bluepoint (J Burton) 33:51.55; 3, Windsprite V (B Banks) 36:11.03.

CLASS 4: 1, Luv (A Bourdon and M Delmar-Morgan) 35:06.58; 2, Minipogo (J Merilvat, France) 35:21.55; 3, La Railleuse (A Faure, France) 35:49.57.

CLASS 5: 1, Ossian (P Ratzel, France) 36:40.33; 2, Poninooota (C Brogdon) 36:55.39; 3, Honey Honey (R Martin and S Scrimgeour) 37:27.49.

Strong winds prevented any racing for the Olympic classes at Weymouth on Saturday. The programme began instead yesterday in a moderate south-westerly breeze and two races were held for each of the centreboard classes. No doubt this will prove to be a sensible decision for, with further gales forecast, there could well be a shortage of races before the week is over.

The series has already been affected by a lack of entries. In spite of two more classes than usual, and for a while it seemed as if the event would have to be cancelled.

In its heyday Weymouth attracted the top helmsmen from overseas; now it is struggling even to appeal to home-based sailors. There is always a decline in interest in the first year of a new Olympic cycle, but the withdrawal of the British yachting team from last year's games has proved to be an additional depressant.

FIRST RACES: Tornado, R White; Flying Dutchman, J Richards; Soling, C Law; Finn, T Law; Star, J Hackman; 470, Miss C Foster; Laser, G Maguire; Windglider, D Hackford.

Tennis

Borg shows greater capacity for taking pains and takes title

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Paris, June 7

Bjorn Borg, a day past his 25th birthday, has consolidated his status as the most successful men's singles player in the history of the French championships. Today he beat Ivan Lendl, aged 21 a Czechoslovak playing the most important match of a young career, by 6—1, 4—6, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1 in a final that lasted three hours and 13 minutes.

This means that, in eight attempts, Borg has won the most arduous of all tournaments six times and has been beaten here by only one man: Adriano Panatta, in 1973 and 1976. Oddly, this is only the third tournament Borg has won since last year's Wimbledon.

This, Borg said, was his toughest French final: "I knew it was going to be difficult. I expected a long match. We play a similar type of game and clay is Ivan's best surface. In the fifth set I was very tired but told myself to give everything I had left—to stay out there and not lose any rallies. The key, for me, was when I broke his serve for 2—0 in the fifth."

Lendl was asked if, given the chance to play the match again, he would change his game in any way. He smiled, which does not happen often: "I would try to miss less. But I did my best and that is all you can do. It was a great match and I hope we satisfied the crowd".

It was, indeed, a great match, in its form if not in its content. As Borg pointed out, they played similar games—essentially, slugging it out from the base line and using variations in pace, length, and angle in an attempt to provoke error or create an opening for a winner. There were moments of swift thrust and parry, or sharply-angled finesse in the forecourt.

Lendl played some good drops and Borg some caressing volleyed drops. What the match lacked was the spice of a contrast in playing methods. These two are not adventurous; simply wonderfully gifted sportsmen with an almost infinite capacity for taking pains. The only regret today was that at least one of them did not have something a little different to offer.

The crowd were respectful rather than excited. As the players settled down to long-distance sparring on a brightly hot afternoon, the 16,000 or so spectators became immersed in the awful kind of silence peculiar to vast assemblies. There was a strange clarity about the distant bark of a dog, the drone of an airship, a cough or the click of a cigarette lighter. The 40th shot of the sixth rally was a loose forehand by Lendl, who had two break points in that first game. Thus was a pattern set: long rallies, often decided by whether or not Lendl's forehand was on the mark.

It would be stretching a point to suggest that Lendl's violent forehand kept both players in the match. But when it was working well it made terrible demands on Borg's defensive resilience. Equally, its waywardness cost Lendl many important points. In the last game but one, for example, he lost his service with three errors on the forehand and one on the backhand. Lendl's top-spun backhand hurt Borg, too: "The balls were bouncing very high and I had to hit them above shoulder level with my two-handed backhand," Borg said. "Over five sets, that was very tiring".

Borg looked flawless in taking the first set with a run of five games at the cost of only three points. In the second set he went to the net often enough to suggest that he was going through a barrier of fatigue and was looking for quick points. At no stage of the match did he clout the ball with his usual vigour. Nor, until he won three consecutive deuce games at the heart of the fifth set, did he play the big points as well as we expect him to.

But having changed rackets while Lendl was changing shirts, Borg had another run of five games to take the third set. Lendl won the fourth. Then Borg—always looking weary and vulnerable—precariously fought his way to a 4-0 lead in the fifth set. That told both men all they needed to know. Lendl broke back in the next game but won only two more points. The most influential shot of the match, Lendl's forehand, eventually finished it. This one was out.

Hana Mandlikova, aged 19, took only an hour and a quarter to beat Sylvia Hanika, more than two years older, by 6—2, 6—4 in the women's final yesterday. Until the last few games it was a disappointing match, strewn with errors from two players unfamiliar with the emotional stress of such an intimidating occasion. Miss Hanika, whose timing was often so bad that it was embarrassing, was the worse affected. She has less experience than Miss Mandlikova of playing big finals and also depends a good deal on top spin, which is difficult to control, especially when its exponent is nervous.



Cri de coeur: Borg has won his sixth French title.

Miss Mandlikova, by contrast, plays a more natural game—reminiscent of Maria Bueno and Evonne Cawley—that is less likely to break down, though her forehand is technically hazardous. On this occasion she was the sounder, more fluent stroke-maker, stayed much closer than Miss Hanika to her usual form and was altogether more supple and quick. She twice won six consecutive games. In between Miss Hanika had a run of four.

Both players question modern preconceptions about the way women should play tennis. Miss Hanika's top spin, effective though it can be, is probably a bad example because few women are strong enough to command such a strenuous technique. Miss Mandlikova, on the other hand, could restore respect for the serve-and-volley game and the one-handed backhand at the expense of the recent fashion for staying back and hitting two-handed backhands.

We may be watching the graduation of a great player. Miss Mandlikova is the first Czechoslovak to win the women's championship here. In less than 10 months she has reached the United States final and won the Australian and French titles, which takes her halfway to a grand slam. It is a bonus, for the game's spectator appeal, that her looks and bearing are as attractive as her tennis.

There was something unusual in the fact that, before the women's final, wolf whistles greeted the arrival of the chic ladies serving as court officials. Equally unusual was the presence of Czechoslovaks in both singles finals—and the incidence of teenagers on playing starring roles throughout the tournament.

Unusual, too, were the doubles champions: Heinz Gunthardt and Balazs Taroczy, who have been in harness for only nine weeks, and Rosalyn Fairbank and Tanya Harford, who have been seriously in harness for only five weeks but have won the Swiss, German, and French championships in consecutive tournaments. The South Africans, in fact, came together last November for "a bit and a giggle", as Miss Harford put it.

Finally, in view of the fact that the United States won four of the five championships a year ago, it was unusual that their last hope this time was the mixed doubles. That title was won for them this evening by two children of 16, Andrea Jaeger and Jimmy Arias.

MEN'S SINGLES: Final: B Borg (Sweden) beat I Lendl (Czechoslovakia), 6—1, 4—6, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Final: Miss H Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss S Hanika (WG), 6—2, 6—4.
MEN'S DOUBLES: Final: B Taroczy (Hungary) and H Gunthardt (Switzerland) beat T Moor and E Teltscher (US), 6—2, 7—6, 6—3.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Final: Miss T Harford and Miss R Fairbank (SA) beat Miss C Reynolds and Miss P Smith (US), 6—1, 6—3.
MIXED DOUBLES: Semi-final: Miss A Jaeger and J Arias (US) beat Miss P Teegarden (US) and F Gonzales (France), 4—6, 6—2, 11—9. Final: Miss Jaeger and Arias beat Miss B Stove (Netherlands) and F McNair (US), 7—6, 6—4.
JUNIOR FINALS: Boys: M Wilander (Sweden) beat J Brown (US), 7—5, 6—1. Girls: B Gadusek (US) beat H Sukova (Czechoslovakia), 6—7, 6—1, 6—4.

McEnroe ready to mount double challenge

John McEnroe is in good heart as he prepares to defend the Stella Artois Grand Prix title, at Queen's Club, London, this week and then embark on the challenge at Wimbledon.

McEnroe, the winner at Queen's Club, for the past two years put in a long practice today, and then expressed himself as keen to get going for both titles. The 22-year-old left-hander, begins his defence of the Stella Artois title with a first round match on Tuesday against John Feaver, the British number four and is seeded to meet Roscoe Tanner, in next Sunday's final which is worth £12,000 to the winner.

Tanner has also been sharpening his game after losing to Phil Dent in the semi-final of last week's Northern tournament in Manchester, an event Dent won by beating a fellow-Australian, Brad Drewett, by 7—5, 6—1 in a windswept final on Saturday. Dent, the 13th seed at Queen's Club, will have to reach the semi-final to meet Tanner again.

Apart from Feaver who is unfortunate in facing McEnroe in the opening round, there is Mark Cox, Jonathan Smith, Richard Lewis, Andrew Jarrett and John Lloyd.

Lloyd hopes to continue the improved form he showed at Manchester against the French Davis Cup player, Christopher Roger-Vasselin on the Centre ourt today.

The women also have an important grass court Tournament at Surbiton today and the organizers had a pleasant surprise today when the former Wimbledon champion, Martina Navratilova asked for o "wild card".

Beckenham in danger after second loss since 1886

By David Powell

Two news names will shortly appear on the tennis honours board at Beckenham Cricket Club after Pam Shriver completed championship week without dropping her service and Kevin Curren indicated that he is again capable of reaching the last 16 at Wimbledon, as he did last year. Both players had previously appeared at Beckenham without success, although Miss Shriver did reach the final two years ago when she lost to Evonne Cawley.

What now worries Beckenham officials is that neither may have the opportunity to return. John Stickland, the tournament director, yesterday announced that unless the cricket club, who stage Beckenham week, can be sure of a financial profit next summer, the tournament may be put to rest after 96 years. Because it brings together men and women for grass court competition three weeks before Wimbledon, Beckenham has always proved popular with the players.

That popularity has not, however, extended as far as the public during the last two years and the £3,000 loss incurred by the club last June is expected to be at least repeated when calculations are finalized in the coming weeks. Only twice before has the tournament failed to break even—in 1886 when the loss was £1 10s 9d, and once more shortly after the Second World War. "It is touch and go whether we'll be able to carry on next year", Mr Stickland said. "A club of our size cannot risk losing money in this way, and one reason for the loss, I feel, is the complete disregard of the television companies."

The Lawn Tennis Association had representatives at Beckenham assessing the tournament, and they will be aware of its value in providing young British players with an opportunity to play against strong overseas opposition. "Once our losses are known in the next three or four weeks, we will approach the LTA and discuss our future", Mr Stickland added.

Spectators who did attend finals day will feel a little hard done by. With the top two seeds, Brian Teacher and Vijay Amritraj, knocked out, it needed a rousing match to compensate for the absence of celebrated names in the men's final. Curren had no such interest in providing extended entertainment and 56 minutes after winning the opening game to love on his service went to collect the Lloyds and Scottish Cup having beaten Chris Lewis, of New Zealand, 6—2, 6—3.

Curren has taken advantage of an American scholarship to develop his tennis and, at 23, his powerful service and reluctance to concede almost irretrievable points suggests that he may soon be a good deal higher than his present 44th position in the world.

Miss Shriver, already seventh among the world's women, conceded as many as three games only twice in the 10 sets she played all week. Her 6—2, 6—2 victory over Elizabeth Little, of Australia, in the final, was her last tournament singles match before Wimbledon as she was on her way home to Maryland yesterday for a week of practice, "to get some sunshine and to get my tan back."

Miss Walsh in control at Manchester

Sharon Walsh defeated her fellow-Californian, Rosie Casals, to win an uninspiring women's singles fial in the Northern grasscourt tournament, sponsored by GMC-Mobern Kitchens at Manchester on Saturday. The 29-year-old Miss Walsh took the £600 first prize with a 4—6, 6—1, 6—4 victory in 86 minutes in a match in which mistakes were frequent and inevitable because of the gale-force winds.

Miss Casals's best efforts were in the opening set, but once Miss Walsh had mastered the blustery wind, her control of the ball became better. Miss Casals's best chance of saving the match went in the second game of the final set which took 10 minutes to complete and which the 32-year-old American Wightman Cup coach had six chances to break her rival's service for a two-love lead.

Phil Dent, the No 5 seed, crushed Brad Drewett, a near neighbour from Sydney, 7—5, 6—1, in only 55 minutes to win the men's singles and £1,200 first prize. In a big serve and volley battle between the two powerful Australians, the 31-year-old Dent took complete control near the end of the opening set.

Panatta top seed

Adriano Panatta (Italy) is the top seed for the Belgian tennis championships which start today. Several of Belgium's leading players will be missing from the tournament because of a second-round Davis Cup tie against the Soviet Union.—Agence France-Presse.

Athletics

Wolverhampton take relay and Dukla title

Belgrade, June 7.—Dukla, of Czechoslovakia, won the men's European club athletics championship here today after a two-day competition involving over 500 athletes from 13 countries. They totalled 771 points with Red Star, of Yugoslavia, second on 726 and TV Wattenscheid, of West Germany, third on 723.5.

Wily Wulbeck, of West Germany, had a winning time of 1min 48.60sec in the 800 metres with Garry Cook, of Britain, second in 1:49.14. Fernando Miguel, of Portugal, won the 5,000 metres in 13min 52.11sec ahead of Dieter Poschmann, of West Germany, who clocked 13:52.53.

Another West German, Karl Hans Riehm, came first in the hammer with 73.24 metres. Wolverhampton took the 4 by 400 metres relay in 3:07.16 ahead of Dukla (3:07.91), Amsterdam (3:13.68) and Wattenscheid (3:14.21).

RESULT: 1. Dukla (Czechoslovakia), 771pts; 2, Red Star (Yugoslavia), 726; 3, TV Wattenscheid (WG), 723.5; 4, Wolverhampton and Bilston (GB), 654.5; 5, Racing (France), 594.5; 6, Iveco (Italy), 579.

Throw of the year: A Bulgarian, Antoinette Todorova, aged 17, threw the javelin 69.66 metres on her third try in Sofia for the best throw in the world this season. The world record for the event belongs to Tatiana Biriouiina of the Soviet Union, who threw the javelin 70.08 metres on July 12 last year.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Southern Women's Amateur championships: Winners: Seniors: 3,000m walk: J Barrett, 14:47.4; 100m: B Goddard, 11.5; 400m (intermediate): K Hughes, 2:09.1; 100m hurdles: L Boothe, 14.1; 1,500m: M Joyce, 4:20.1; High jump: B Simmonds, 1.81m. Juniors: 80m: P St Ange, 12.00; 800m: L Grant, 2:15.1.

Best this year

Jarmila Kratochvilova (Czechoslovakia) ran the third fastest women's 200 metres ever and the best this year when she recorded 21.97 seconds at an international athletics meeting in Bratislava on Saturday. The world record of 21.71 is held by the East German, Marita Koch.—Reuter.

Cram's victory predictable but Smith's win is a bonus

By A Special Correspondent

Barry Smith, a 28-year-old accountant from Essex who moved north to join Gateshead Harriers and improve his running, repaid his adopted home when he won the Citizens Watches Golden 5,000 metres at Gateshead stadium yesterday. It was the perfect result for the 14,000 capacity crowd who showed their appreciation by applauding Smith almost continually.

They had earlier seen Steve Cram from Jarrow confirm his growing maturity by winning the 3,000 metres in 7 minutes 50.9 seconds, despite the close attentions of the Scot, John Robson. After his impressive mile win at Crystal Palace last Wednesday Cram's result might have been forecast but Smith's was an unexpected bonus considering the strength of the opposition which included four Ethiopians, Fernando Mamede of Portugal, who recently broke Brendan Foster's European 10,000 metres record, and the world cross-country champion, Craig Virgin of the United States.

The Ethiopians nearly could not take part when twice the wrong national anthem was played over the public address and the meeting organizers could not find the correct one. But the crisis was eventually resolved after a 15-minute delay when the entire team from the African country took the field and sang the correct version, led by Berhanu Girma.

It was also Girma who led for the first three laps of the 5,000 before his team colleague Tadessa took over. Five laps had gone before the favourite, Mohamed Kedir, moved up but it was a break by Julian Goater with four and a half laps left which was the first decisive move. That dropped half the field before Smith made the decisive break with two and a half laps left which dropped all but Talossa Kuto and Brian McChesney of the United States. Smith, however, was still strong enough to sprint clear from the last bend to win in 13min 21.2sec, an excellent time considering the windy conditions.

Steve Ovett was content to win the mile with a similar last straight effort in a modest 3min 58.0sec and Sebastian Coe anchored England to victory in the 4 x 400 metres relay although not called upon to produce the same scintillating sprint as the previous Wednesday. Drew McMaster proved the outstanding authentic sprinter on view in twice defeating Mike McFarlane and taking the tape for Scotland in the relay.

400M HURDLES: 1, G Oakes, 50.49sec; 2, W Hartley, 50.65; 3, R Minetti (I), 51.58; 4, L Kosi (I), 51.89.
800M: 1, C McGeorge, 1:48.14; 2, G Grippo (I), 1:48.37; 3, R Harrison, 1:48.38; 4, A Zerihun (E), 1:48.31.
100M: 1, D McMaster (S), 10.56sec; 2, G Grazioli (I), 10.72; 3, M Powell, 10.73; 4, M Clementoni (I), 10.85.
3,000M: 1, S Cram, 7:50.92; 2, J Robson (S), 7:51.08; 3, B Wadago (E), 7:53.17; 4, K Balcha (E), 7:53.93.
110M HURDLES: 1, G Ronconi (I), 14.33; 2, G Rozzi (I), 14.45; 3, N Gerrard, 14.46; 4, P Barthrop, 14.75.
JAVELIN (invitation): 1, F Paragi (Hungary), 88.04m; 2, M Nemeth (Hungary), 82.84m; 3, P Bradstock, 70.70m.
MILE: 1, S Ovett, 3:57.92; 2, C Pastemant (I), 3:59.18; 3, J Espir, 3:59.20; 4, I Stewart, 3:59.44.
400m: 1, S Malinberni (I), 46.72; 2, A Di Guida (I), 46.94; 3, A Bell 47.15; 4, E Gilkes, 47.51.
200m: 1, D McMaster, 21.29; 2, M McFarlane, 21.29; 3, R Tozzi, 21.41; 4, C Sharp, 21.66.
3,000m STEEPLECHASE: 1, E Tura, (E), 8:27.68; 2, H Girma (E), 8:33.80; 3, G Gerbi (I), 8:37.10; 4, M Bonan (I), 8:38.49.
POLE VAULT (invitation): 1, K Stock 5.50m; 2, G Gutteridge, 5.10m; 3, W Davey, 4.90m.
5,000m: 1, B Smith, 13:21.14; 2, T Kuto (E), 13:23.95; 3, B McChesney (US), 13:24.66; 4, N Rose, 13:25.73; 5, J Goater, 13:25.81; 6, G Smith, 13:27.45; 7, P Selvaggio (I), 13:32.09; 8, C Virgin (US), 13:32.60.
4 x 100m RELAY: 1, Scotland, 40.03; 2, England, 40.11; 3, Italy, 40.14.
4 x 400m RELAY: 1, England, 3:7.20; 2, Italy, 3:7.80; 3, Scotland, 3:15.18; 4, Ethiopia, 3:15.26.
MIDDLE DISTANCE: 1, England 61 pts; 2, Ethiopia 58; 3, Italy 43; 4, Scotland 25.
SPRINTS, HURDLES AND RELAYS: 1, Italy 56 pts; 2, England 49; 3, Scotland 37.

Long jump takes Mitchell to top of ratings

Roy Mitchell, the British international from Enfield, went to the top of the season's rankings when he recorded a long jump of 7.78 metres (25ft 6¼in) in the British Athletics League division three meeting, at Grangemouth on Saturday. Despite taking only two attempts before going on to win the 100 metres in 10.8sec, Mitchell added one centimetre to the League record set by Lynn Davies in 1972.

Mitchell's team colleague, Stephen McGilchrist, won the 400 metres in a personal best 47.9sec, a time shared by the runner up Stephen Sole (Sheffield), who had earlier won the 400 metres hurdles in 52.4sec. The long jumper, Colin Rattigan (Woodford Green), also provided one of the best performances in the division four match at Woodford Green. The 21-year-old United Kingdom champion, took advantage of a substantial wind assistance to leap 7.51 metres.

Graeme Watson, a British decathlon international, achieved wins in the 100 and 200 metres with fast times of 10.6sec and 21.4sec and the javelin in which he threw 59.22 metres. This treble and a shot-discus double of 17.25 metres and 51.52 metres helped Blackheath to win the match. A strong wind helped Epsom and Ewell's John Evans and Simon Norton, of Liverpool, to personal record sprints in the division two match at Kirkby, Liverpool.

Spark Hill, newcomers to the League this season, maintained their 100 per cent record with another impressive win in division five at Luton. Albert Earle gained a double in the long and triple jumps with 7.12 metres and 14.87 metres respectively.

RESULTS: Division 2 (at Kirkby): 1, Birchfield 242 pts; 2, Liverpool 213; 3, Cardiff 202. Overall: 1, Birchfield 12 pts; 2, Cardiff 9; 3, Liverpool 8. Division 3 (at Grangemouth): 1, Enfield 246 pts; 2, Luton 230; 3, Southampton 216. Overall: 1, Luton 10 pts; 2, Enfield 10; 3, Sheffield 8. Division 4 (at Woodford): 1, Blackheath 253 pts; 2, Aldershot 227; 3, Polytechnic 221. Overall: 1, Aldershot 10; 2, Blackheath 9; 3, Polytechnic 8. Division 5 (at Luton): 1, Spark Hill 257 pts; 2, Bedford 220; 3, Met Police 214. Overall: 1, Spark Hill 12pts; 2, Met Police 9; Ilford 7.

Cricket

Australians looking forward to cashing in on Prudential policy

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The message came through clearly enough at Edgbaston on Saturday—there will be little to choose between England and Australia this season. Australia's hard-earned victory in the second of the Prudential Trophy matches, by two runs in a late and exciting finish, means that today's game at Headingley will decide the series of three.

Between 10.45 on Saturday morning, when the match started, and 8.42 at night, when it ended, ground staff and players combined to overcome in a most spirited way some more wretched weather. The purchase of Warwickshire's enormously expensive investment—a £50,000 three-acre water-proof sheet—was also handsomely justified.

The heavy rain which began just before lunch and lasted for a good hour would have ended play for the day on most grounds. Instead, once it had cleared and the cover had been rolled back—a considerable operation in itself—the game got under way again. The storm could hardly have been better timed to show what can now be done, when the money is available, to lessen the need for delay.

Just how much Australia's victory meant to them could be seen from the unconfined relief with which they greeted it. Rather than wondering what was the point of continuing with a tour in a climate which seemed to make it impossible to play a proper game of cricket, they will be looking forward now to building on Saturday's success.

Australia's previous seven one-day internationals against England had ended in defeat, as this one looked like doing when England, with five over left and Gatting and Botham going well, needed only another 26 runs to win. Australia had made 249 for eight in their 55 overs, a useful score but no more on a fast outfield and an easy pitch.

With the exception of Hendrick, England never came to terms with having to bowl to four left-handers in the first six in the Australia order. Of these Wood and Yallop added 86 after Chappell had been out to his first ball. In the final count Lawson's successive sixes off Gooch in the last over of Australia's innings were also of much value. Gooch and Willey, between them, were hit for 74 in their 11 overs. Today, at Headingley, Emburey should get a game.

When England were 36 for three after 17 overs, with Gooch, Boycott and Gower all out, the fight was rarely on. But for two mistakes by Marsh, that were altogether unlike him, Gatting, rather than making 96 and winning the Man of the Match award, would have been out in single figures. For half-an-hour, even when Marsh was not dropping him, Gatting looked anything but an England No 3. Where England's bowlers had found little movement, Australia's were achieving a lot.

But Gatting rode his luck, Love and Willey played some fine strokes, and when Botham began to do the same, it looked after all as though England would win. Once again, though, Botham got carried away and Humpage, with sunset less than an hour away, found the poor light and the wiles of Lillee too much for him.

So long as Gatting stayed the odds just favoured England. Off the 54th over he and Jackman took 10 runs. With five balls left five were needed and Gatting had the strike—against Lillee. From down the pitch he drove hard to deep extra cover where Lawson brought off the last and most decisive of the day's many brilliant bits of fielding, a tumbling catch. Five from the last four balls was more than Willis and Hendrick could manage.

Apart from Lawson's catch there were others that were marvellously good: from Wood, off a low, fierce hit to cover point; from Hughes, off a steepler to mid-on; from Willis, off a swirling hit at long leg and from Love, off a rocketing pull to deep mid-wicket. The fielding of Gower was in the class of anyone you care to mention. The captaincy of Hughes was more discerning than at Lord's on Thursday. It all went to keep a crowd of some 12,000 from freezing to their seats—and to set the stage for Headingley today.

AUSTRALIA

G M Wood, c Willis, b Jackman	55
T M Chappell, c Humpage, b Botham	0
G N Yallop, b Hendrick	63
*K J Hughes, run out	34
A R Border, run out	17
†R W Marsh, c Love, b Botham	20
M F Kent, lbw, b Willis	1
G F Lawson, not out	29
D K Lillee, run out	8
R M Hogg, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 18, w 1, n-b 2)	22
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	249

T M Alderman did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—96, 3—160, 4—171, 5—183, 6—193, 7—213, 8—248.
BOWLING: Willis, 11—3—41—1; Botham, 11—1—44—2; Hendrick, 11—2—21—1; Jackman, 11—0—47—1; Willey, 6—0—38—0; Gooch, 5—0—38—0.



Yallop: led the way for Australia with 63

ENGLAND

G A Gooch, b Hogg	11
G Boycott, b Lawson	14
M W Gatting, c Lawson, b Lillee	96
D I Gower, b Alderman	2
J D Love, b Lawson	43
*I T Botham, c Hughes, b Lawson	24
P Willey, c Wood, b Chappell	37
†G W Humpage, b Lillee	5
R D Jackman, run out	2
R G D Willis, not out	1
M Hendrick, c Marsh, b Lillee	0
Extras (l-b 12)	12
Total (54.5 overs)	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—20, 2—27, 3—35, 4—111, 5—177, 6—224, 7—232, 8—244, 9—244, 10—247.
BOWLING: Hogg, 11—2—42—1; Lillee, 15.5—2—36—3; Alderman, 11—1—48—1; Lawson, 11—2—42—3; Chappell, 11—0—69—1.
Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Trent Bridge fortunes now extend to Sunday League

By Richard Streeton

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire (4 pts) beat Essex on faster scoring rate.

Essex, unbeaten hitherto in this year's John Player League, were already struggling when the inevitable rain arrived yesterday 50 minutes after tea. By then Essex were 41 for three from 15 overs and a long way behind the run rate of 4.66 averaged by Nottinghamshire.

The Essex innings made a shaky start with Lilley run out in the fourth over as the batsmen attempted a second leg-bye. Hadlee, running across from long leg, hit the wicket direct from a deep long-stop position. Hadlee was the bowler when McEvoy pulled a catch straight to square leg and the New Zealander's accuracy, which kept the scoring down, was to prove important in retrospect.

McEwan had just hooked Bore for four and six when he was bowled in the same over by a ball of fuller length. Soon afterwards the rain clouds, which had been threatening all afternoon, finally discharged their load.

Until this game Nottinghamshire's rise in fortunes this year had not extended to the Sunday League. In this match their own scoring rate for a time was not as fast as would have been ideal but Dexter and Harris provided the late impetus required. They added 65 in 11 overs for the sixth wicket and, when time ran out, Nottinghamshire were 182 for six from 39 overs, a respectable score in poor light.

East led Essex in the absence of Fletcher, who bruised a hand badly as he scored his fiftieth first-class hundred at Worcester on Saturday. East did not bowl himself but struck a blow for spin on the Sabbath by using Acfield by the fifth over. The Trent Bridge spectators have acquired an appetite for success in recent weeks and any deliberations over fielding changes were freely barracked.

Early on Rice was the only Nottinghamshire batsman to show any confident form. He has scored more heavily in the championship recently than in other competitions but now his bat made the right sound from the start. Todd, trying to pull, had given a return catch; Robinson was bowled trying to sweep; and Birch hit the first ball Pont bowled to deep mid-off.

Rice had just driven fours against Turner either side of the wicket when he played too soon aiming another and was caught behind. Hadlee lofted some high blows before he was caught at wide long on. Harris was fortunate that his first scoring stroke went through Smith's hands but he was soon hitting freely.

Dexter had taken some time to settle but he got into his stride with a lofted stroke over the mid-wicket boundary against Pont. The stand ended when Harris was run out by a throw from Lever on the square-leg fence.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P A Todd, c and b Phillip	5
R T Robinson, l-b-w, b Acfield	17
*C E B Rice, c Smith, b Turner	36
J D Birch, c Lever, b Pont	12
R E Dexter, not out	37
R J Hadlee, c Lever, b Pont	14
M J Harris, run out	29
E E Hemmings, not out	6
Extras (l-b 14, w 2)	16
Total (6 wkts, 39 overs)	182

†B N French, K E Cooper and M K Bore did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—16, 2—46, 3—72, 4—93, 5—106, 6—173.
BOWLING: Lever, 8—1—41—0; Phillip, 8—0—20—1; Acfield, 8—1—38—1; Turner, 8—1—31—1; Pont, 7—0—36—2.

ESSEX

A W Lilley, run out	2
M S A McEvoy, c Cooper, b Hadlee	9
K S McEwan, b Bore	19
K R Pont, not out	8
B R Hardie, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 2)	3
Total (3 wkts, 15 overs)	41

N Phillip, S Turner, *R E East, †N Smith, J K Lever and D L Acfield did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—30, 3—34.
BOWLING: Hadlee, 6—3—11—1; Bore, 6—2—20—1; Rice, 2—0—2—0; Hemmings, 1—0—5—0.
Umpires: C Cook and R S Herman.

Somerset win the match but lose to the rain

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S Somerset (4 pts) beat Middlesex on faster scoring rate.

We knew it could not last. A few days of cricket virtually uninterrupted by the weather were ended by the rain yesterday. Although this John Player League match had a winner, it was one of those unsatisfactory decisions in which the side batting second holds all the aces.

Middlesex could not complain, however; Brearley won the toss and chose to bat when the weather looked set fair. After a sticky start they reached 170 for nine in 38 overs which might not have been enough even if the match had gone its full course.

Somerset were left to score at 4.5 runs an over and, although Daniel permitted no liberties from the Pavilion end in the increasing gloom, Denning and Rose set about Thomson and Selvey at the other to achieve the required rate. Rose was out in the ninth over but Denning and Richards stayed at the crease in the rain to ensure that Somerset had received the 10 overs obligatory for a result. By the time the official announcement of abandonment came at 6.20 most of the square had long been swathed in covers.

Middlesex, who had completed only one of their previous four Sunday matches, might have blamed rustiness as they took 16 overs to reach 50 and lost three wickets in the process.

Radley could count himself unlucky, being superbly caught by a diving Rose at extra cover off a full-blooded drive; Brearley was caught off a skier to deep mid-wicket which would have been a comfortable six on the other side of the ground; Butcher was rightly sent back by Barlow and failed to beat Denning's throw to the bowler's end.

The two left handers, Barlow and Slack, steadied the ship against the accurate Marks and the usual keen Somerset fielding. Slack, the replacement for the England man, Gatting, grew in confidence and was beginning to find the way to the short Tavern boundary when he made room to drive Breakwell and was bowled after the partnership had added 65 in the 14 overs.

In the next over Barlow deposited Moseley in the Mound Stand, causing him to be taken off. Dredge, his replacement, started inauspiciously, falling flat on his back in his delivery stride and next ball was off-driven by Barlow, who completed a commendable 50. Barlow had added two runs when he was bowled in the next over from Dredge, who was somewhat flattered by his final figures of five for 35, three of the wickets coming in the last over as the tail-enders swung their bats.

A belligerent innings by Edmonds saw to it that Somerset would have some sort of target to chase—had not the rain intervened.

MIDDLESEX

*J M Brearley, c Richards, b Marks	17
C T Radley, c Rose, b Popplewell	11
G D Barlow, b Dredge	52
R O Butcher, run out	5
W N Slack, b Breakwell	35
P H Edmonds, c Taylor, b Dredge	31
P R Downton, c Taylor, b Dredge	0
M W W Selvey, not out	8
J R Thomson, b Dredge	2
W W Daniel, b Dredge	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 2, n-b 3)	9
Total (9 wkts, 38 overs)	170

W G Merry did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—25, 2—39, 3—48, 4—113, 5—145, 6—145, 7—168, 8—170, 9—170.
BOWLING: Garner, 7—0—32—0; Moseley, 7—0—38—0; Popplewell, 4—1—17—1; Marks, 8—0—24—1; Dredge, 8—0—35—5; Breakwell, 4—0—15—1.

SOMERSET

*B C Rose, c Thomson, b Selvey	23
P W Denning, not out	25
I V A Richards, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 2)	3
Total (1 wkt, 9 overs)	51

P M Roebuck, V J Marks, N F M Popplewell, †D J S Taylor, D Breakwell, J Garner, C H Dredge and H R Moseley did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—48.
BOWLING: Thomson, 2—0—13—0; Daniel, 5—0—13—0; Selvey, 3—0—25—1.
Umpires: W L Budd and P S G Stevens.

Sussex beat the rain and Lancashire

Sussex (4pts) beat Lancashire by eight wickets.

Gehan Mendis and Imran Khan both hit unbeaten half centuries as Sussex stayed top of the John Player League. They beat Lancashire after being set to score 181 off 37 overs. Rain stopped play at 160 for two off 24 overs, by which time Sussex had already reached the recalculated rate.

Mendis and Gould set a lively scoring pace from the start, racing to 57 off eight overs and although Gould and Parker were sent back at this total it proved only a temporary setback. Sussex were always well ahead of the Lancashire scoring rate, reaching 100 in their eighteenth over, Lancashire having taken 24. Mendis was 69 not out when rain ended play.

The match had begun badly for Sussex with David Lloyd being missed after he had scored only a single off Le Roux. Lloyd took full advantage by scoring 76, before being run out at 150. There were six fours and three towering sixes in his innings.

LANCASHIRE

D Lloyd, run out	76
†G Fowler, b Greig	36
*C H Lloyd, c Parker, b Phillipson	2
F C Hayes, c Gould, b Greig	25
D P Hughes, b Greig	2
B W Reidy, c Le Roux, b Phillipson	0
J Simmons b Imran	11
N V Radford, not out	13
P J W Allott not out	2
Extras (b 2, l-b 6, 4 6)	14
Total (7 wkts, 37 overs)	181

*C J Scott and P G Lee did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—67, 2—92, 3—144, 4—150, 5—150, 6—152, 7—176.
BOWLING: Arnold 8—0—21—0; Le Roux, 7—0—29—0; Barclay, 2—0—20—0; Imran, 7—0—21—1; Greig, 8—0—38—3; Phillipson, 5—0—38—2.

SUSSEX

G D Mendis, not out	69
†I J Gould, run out	17
P W G Parker, l-b-w, b Allott	0
Imran Khan, not out	63
Extras (b 7, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1)	11
Total (2 wkts, 24 overs)	160

*J R T Barclay, C M Wells, C P Phillipson, I A Greig, G S Le Roux, G G Arnold and A P Wells did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—57, 2—57.
BOWLING: Radford, 3—0—42—0; Lee, 4—0—28—0; Allott, 5—0—21—1; Simmons, 8—0—46—0; Hughes, 2—0—12—0.
Umpires: D Shackleton and C T Spencer.

John Player League

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Sussex (9)	5	3	0	2	16
Somerset (2)	4	3	1	0	12
Essex (14)	4	2	1	1	10
Gloucester (10)	4	1	0	3	10
Middlesex (3)	5	1	1	3	10
Yorkshire (14)	5	1	1	3	10
Leicester (4)	4	1	1	2	8
Notts (14)	4	1	1	2	8
Surrey (5)	4	1	1	2	8
Warwicks (1)	3	1	0	2	8
Derbyshire (6)	3	1	1	1	6
Hampshire (11)	3	1	1	1	6
Kent (11)	4	1	2	1	6
Northants (6)	5	1	3	1	6
Glamorgan (17)	4	0	2	2	4
Lancashire (13)	4	1	3	0	4
Worcester (6)	3	1	2	0	4

1980 position in brackets.

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS: 4 wkts. once: C H Dredge (Somerset); P G Lee (Lancashire), M W W Selvey (Middlesex), D L Underwood (Kent).
LEADING BATSMEN: sixes: four: T E Jesty (Hampshire), C J Tavaré (Kent). Three: I T Botham (Somerset), Imran Khan (Sussex), D Lloyd (Lancashire), I V A Richards (Somerset).

Kent suffer through a slower scoring rate

Maidstone

Kent had their second successive taste of rain-affected play in a John Player League match yesterday when Northamptonshire beat them on the faster scoring rate. Batsmen struggled throughout on a pitch receptive to pace and seam alike—and Northamptonshire were confined to 154 for five off their 40 overs.

The highlight was a splendid 64 by Larkins who reached his 50 in 80 minutes with a six and six fours. He and Williams, 26, added 73 off 14 overs for the third wicket and between them took 17 off one over from Cowdrey. Sharp (29 not out) batted enterprisingly and Kent's task at the outset looked reasonably modest.

The threat of rain changed all that. Woolmer and Tavaré, the second wicket pair, realized the danger and as rain began to fall they strove to increase their scoring rate. But Tavaré was out in the 14th over and Woolmer was unbeaten on 28 with Kent 49 for 2 (15 overs) when the players were forced off.

Kent, beaten by Essex at Chelmsford last week on scoring statistics, had lost again.

Bristol

Zaheer Abbas and left-hander Broad put on 123 for Gloucestershire's first wicket against Yorkshire. But their second John Player League century stand this season was wasted when rain stopped play at 214 for six in the 34th over. The game was abandoned. Zaheer made 58 and Broad 56. A third half century came from Procter, who was on 52 off 37 balls when the rain intervened.

Swansea

Only 45 minutes play were possible when Surrey, put in to bat by Glamorgan, scored 43 for one off 12 overs. The batsman out was Graeme Clinton bowled by Ezra Moseley for three. Then the rain came and the match was abandoned with both sides getting two points. The Test umpire, Bill Alley, was unable to stand in this rain hit John Player League match because of sickness. He was replaced at the last minute by Derek Dennis who was on the first-class umpires list last season and who answered the appeal for an umpire.

Gloucs v Yorkshire

AT BRISTOL

Match abandoned. Gloucestershire 2 pts, Yorkshire 2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Zaheer Abbas, c Johnson, b Carrick	58
C B Broad, c and b Dennis	56
*M J Procter, not out	52
†A W Stovold, c Moxon, b Athey	1
A J Hignell, b Johnson	13
P Bainbridge, not out	21
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, w 1, n-b 1)	13
Total (4 wkts, 33.4 overs)	216

S J Windaybank, D A Graveney, A H Wilkins, B M Brain and J H Childs did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—123, 2—126, 3—131, 4—168.
BOWLING: Old, 4.4—1—26—0; Dennis, 8—1—30—1; Sidebottom, 5—0—27—0; Johnson, 8—0—60—1; Carrick, 2—0—17—1; Athey, 6—0—43—1.

YORKSHIRE: J H Hampshire, R G Lumb, C W J Athey, M Moxon, P G Ingham, †D L Bairstow, P Carrick, A Sidebottom, *C M Old, S J Dennis and C Johnson.
Umpires: R Aspinall and Shakoor Rana.

Glamorgan v Surrey

AT SWANSEA

Match abandoned. Glamorgan 2 pts, Surrey 2.

SURREY

D M Smith, not out	7
G S Clinton, b Moseley	3
*R D V Knight, not out	27
Extras (w 2, n-b 2)	4
Total (1 wkt, 12 overs)	43

G R J Roope, G P Howarth, M A Lynch, D J Thomas, †C J Richards, S T Clarke, I R Payne and P I Pocock did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—7.
BOWLING: Nash, 5—1—17—0; Moseley, 5—1—9—1; Lloyd, 1—0—2—0; Barwick, 1—0—11—0.

GLAMORGAN: A Jones, J A Hopkins, M J Llewellyn, Javed Miandad, N G Featherstone, *M A Nash, R C Ontong, E A Moseley, †E W Jones, B J Lloyd and S R Barwick.
Umpires: R Palmer and D Dennis.

Northants v Kent

AT MAIDSTONE

Northamptonshire (4 pts) beat Kent by a faster scoring rate.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*G Cook, b Jarvis	6
W Larkins, b Underwood	64
A J Lamb, c Dilley, b Woolmer	10
R G Williams, c Knott, b Jarvis	26
T J Yardley, b Underwood	1
†G Sharp, not out	29
R M Tindall, not out	10
Extras (l-b 6, w 2)	8
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	154

R M Carter, T M Lamb, D J Wild and C D Booden did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—33, 3—106, 4—108, 5—112.
Bowling: Dilley, 6—2—12—0; Jarvis, 8—2—12—2; Woolmer, 8—1—30—1; Shepherd, 8—0—26—0; Underwood, 6—0—37—2; Cowdrey, 1—0—17—0; Asif, 3—0—12—0.

KENT

R A Woolmer, not out	28
M Benson, c and b Booden	2
C J Tavaré, b Booden	17
*Asif Iqbal, not out	0
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 1)	3
Total (2 wkts, 15 overs)	49

C S Cowdrey, A P E Knott, J N Shepherd, G W Johnson, G R Dilley, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—38.
BOWLING: T M Lamb, 5—0—7—0; Booden, 7—1—21—2; Wild, 3—0—18—0.
Umpires: P J Eele and R Julian.

Today's cricket

PRUDENTIAL TROPHY (10.45 to 7.15)
LEEDS: England v Australia.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (11.0 to 6.30)
DERBY: Derbyshire v Warwickshire.
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Surrey.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Kent (11.30 to 7.0).
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex.
OTHER MATCHES
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire (11.30 to 6.30).
OXFORD: Oxford University v MCC.
MINOR COUNTIES
HEYWOOD: Lancashire XI v Cheshire.

Centuries for two Test stalwarts

Keith Fletcher and Dennis Amiss, two of England's former test stalwarts, were among the century makers as batsmen at last began to enjoy some favourable conditions on Saturday.

Fletcher, the 37-year-old Essex captain, had a particularly memorable day at Worcester—the city of his birth—scoring 127, the 50th first class century of his career, in a total of 308 for four declared against Worcester.

Fletcher, who shared a second wicket stand of 185 with Hardie (76) for the second wicket, batted for 227 minutes with 19 fours and one six. Amiss' 109 against Derbyshire on lifeless Derby pitch was a slow, dogged effort occupying five and a half hours as Warwickshire reached a total of 247. Parker, of Sussex, and Johnson, of Kent, were other batsmen to reach the three figure mark, while Somerset's Richards fell just eight short. The 25-year-old Parker hit his best score for Sussex of 136, made in 262 minutes with 17 fours, as Sussex reached an impressive 397 for seven against Lancashire at Hove. Johnson made 107, having reached his hundred in 295 minutes

Saturday's cricket

County championship
DERBY: Warwickshire 247 (D L Amiss 109) v Derbyshire.
SWANSEA: Surrey 131 (M A Nash 7 for 62); Glamorgan 72 for 5.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire 172 (Zaheer Abbas 71, B C Broad 50, C M Old 4 for 41); Yorkshire 80 for 4.
LORD'S: Somerset 296 for 7 (I V A Richards 92, P M Roebuck 68, P W Denning 63) v Middlesex.
NORTHAMPTON: Kent 293 for 5 (G W Johnson 107, M Benson 82) v Northamptonshire.
HOVE: Sussex 397 for 7 (P W G Parker 136, I A Greig 71, C P Phillipson 56 not out) v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Essex 308 for 4 dec (K W R Fletcher 127, B R Hardie 76, K S McEwan 51) v Worcestershire.

Other matches
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University 126 (N Russom 51, P J Hacker 4 for 34); Nottinghamshire 5 for no wkt.
OXFORD: MCC 236 for 4 dec (R A Hutton 51 not out) v Oxford University.

Grunters and groaners must cease

British tennis umpires have been told by the Lawn Tennis Association to stamp out the grunts and groans from players in leading tournaments, including Wimbledon. Players who make excessive grunting noises when they play their shots are causing concern in the game.

China will play for the first time in the Federation Cup women's team tennis championship in Tokyo from November 9-15. Taiwan, also among the 32 nations taking part, will play as the Chinese Taipei Tennis Association.—Reuter.

Racing

Bikala and Gorli make French Derby rivals look moderate

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, June 7

The favourites were well beaten in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) at Chantilly this afternoon, when Bikala a 17-1 outsider ridden by an apprentice, Serge Gorli, took the French classic by four lengths. The Aga Khan's Akarad finished second with a 30-1 chance, Gap of Dunloe, the mount of the Hongkong-based Gary Moore, 2½ lengths away, third.

Pat Eddery dead-heated for seventh place on the English trained Recitation, some eight lengths behind the winner. One can only conclude from this result that this season's three-year-old colts in France are of little account. Lester Piggott rode The Wonder into 10th place, but the colt pulled up lame.

Patrick-Louis Biancone, who was celebrating his 29th birthday today, trained the winner and the third. He will now send Bikala to tackle the Epsom Derby winner, Shergar, in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July.

Gorli, aged 18, with 27 wins this season is in fifth position in the French jockeys' championship, rode to perfection in today's race. He held Bikala in second position behind the pacemaker Magnum, until the final turn and soon after built up an unassailable three-length lead. Yves Saint-Martin came through the pack on Akarad, but they never had a chance with the winner.

Bikala had finished nearly five lengths behind No Lute in the Prix Lupin. Previously, Bikala had won a good-class "Tierce" handicap at Longchamp and the colt had also chased No Lute (gave 5 lb) home in a minor race at St-Cloud. So, how did Bikala manage to defeat No Lute by over 18 lengths this afternoon?

Eddery told me that No Lute was beaten after three furlongs. No Lute was the horse disqualified from the Prix Greffulhe after proving positive in a post-race test to anabolic steroids. The colt was then allowed to run in the Prix Lupin, which he won, but certain veterinary experts believe that a course of steroids can lead to a sudden loss of form.

Guy Harwood's confidence that Recitation would stay the mile and a half distance turned out to be baseless. The winner of the Grand Critérium and Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) never showed with a chance, and will probably return to distances of around a mile.

Cresta Rider came back to his best form to win the group two Prix Jean Prat by a length from Dunphy. Big John, who had only recently recovered from a mouth ulcer, was a length and a half away third in front of Kisty, Silky Baby, and Travolta. Cresta Rider will next contest the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Prix de Royaumont.

Finally, Argument should take tomorrow's Prix Jean de Chaudenay at St-Cloud. He will be hard pressed by the Irish challenger, Erin's Isle.

Blue Wind's win lets in breath of bad air

Racing Correspondent
By Michael Phillips

Blue Wind's victory in the Oaks at Epsom on Saturday was arguably the least popular result of that particular classic since Valoris won it 16 years ago and, ironically, Lester Piggott was involved in both cases. Nineteen sixty-six was the year in which he severed his long and hitherto successful association with Sir Noel Murless. It came to a head when he rode Valoris for Vincent O'Brien in the Oaks instead of Varinia for the stable by which he was retained at the time.

Valoris received a cool reception and so did Blue Wind on Saturday because few approved of the decision to replace Wally Swinburn, the filly's regular rider and the jockey retained by the stable concerned, with Piggott, no matter how great a jockey Piggott may be on occasions like these. That switch of allegiance denied Swinburn, aged 44, not simply the opportunity to win a classic but the chance to win the Oaks only four days after his 19-year-old son had won the Derby. That would have been a family double which would have brought joy to the hearts of many, but sadly sentiment plays little part in racing these days.

What left an even sourer taste in the mouth was the refusal of those involved to take responsibility for the decision. At least Guy Reed was quite open about his motives for putting Piggott up on Shotgun in the Derby instead of relying on the horse's regular rider, Jimmy Bleasdale. On Saturday neither Bertram Firestone, nor his wife, who jointly own Blue Wind, nor their trainer, Dermot Weld, would come out into the open.

"I have no comment to make on the riding arrangements, I was in America" was all that Mr Firestone would say. When approached on the same subject, Weld simply retaliated "No, I don't want to talk about that either".

Sadly, the only person to come out of this whole affair well was the person who benefited least, Swinburn senior, who knew 10 days earlier that he would not be riding Blue Wind. Swinburn maintained a dignified silence

As for Piggott, he, needless to say, rode his usual masterly race, and at least he had the grace to acknowledge afterwards that Swinburn had advised him how best the filly should be ridden. Until he got the leg up on Blue Wind in the paddock he had not even sat on her. Blue Wind thus became Piggott's twenty-fifth classic winner and he is now well within range of equalling or beating the record set by Frank Buckle of 27 classic wins.

Bred and raised on the Abbey Lodge Stud in County Dublin Blue



Piggott needs no cap to get ahead at Epsom.

Wind has already been through a sale ring twice. The first time was when he breeder, Miss Elizabeth Laidlaw, sold her at Goffs yearling sale for only 5,600 guineas. She was bought then for Mrs D. M. Solomon by Paddy Prendergast jnr. Fourteen months later, having established herself as one of the best of her age and sex in Ireland Blue Wind went to the same sale ring at Kill and on that occasion she fetched 180,000 guineas which was a record in Ireland.

Sentiment apart, the disappointment of Saturday's Classic was the way that Leapt Lively folded up in the straight. She looked like turning the race into a procession coming down the hill so easily was she going, but once in line for home she gave a life-like imitation of a rocking horse and she was cut down to size by both Blue Wind and Madam Gay. Yet still she managed to cling on to third place which does not say much for those who finished behind her.

Finally, to end on a happy note, what goes on at Warwick on a Saturday evening usually escapes notice, but not so this time. For it was then that Jamie Douglas-Home, nephew of the former Prime Minister, son of the playright and cousin of our Deputy Editor saddled his first winner as a trainer.

McCalmont's final protest

By Michael Phillips

Irish racing sank to new depths yesterday when it became known that Major Victor McCalmont, one of the most respected figures in racing circles there, has resigned from the Turf Club of which he has been a member for 25 years. He resigned in protest against King's Lake being awarded the Irish 2,000 Guineas on appeal.

Like virtually everyone who has seen the camera patrol film of the race taken from head on, Major McCalmont is clearly aghast at the decision of the stewards of the Turf Club to reverse the ruling of the local stewards at the Curragh, of which he was one. But in his case it goes deeper than that. He clearly regards their decision, taken during that seven-hour hearing in Dublin 10 days ago as a slap in the face.

"When my authority is undermined like that there is no point in making myself available ever again to act as a steward at an Irish meeting," Major McCalmont said yesterday.

There will be widespread sympathy for him on both sides of the Irish Sea. I shall always believe that the local stewards were right to disqualify King's Lake

"Our disqualification of King's Lake had been an important although unpleasant decision to make. It had also been one of the easiest during my many years as an acting steward", Major McCalmont said. "None of us had a moment's doubt about what to do after hearing the evidence and looking at the video film."

Major McCalmont has said that although he is quitting the turf club he will, if required, remain as a member of the Racing Board which is appointed by the government in Dublin. However, the action that he has just taken begs the question will any of those other stewards who sat with him at the Curragh and adjudicated there, also raise their voice in protest? They should back him to the hilt.

Golf

English are omitted from British team

By John Hennessy
Gold Correspondent

A British Isles women's golf team without an English representative would have been unthinkable not so long ago, but it became a fact on Saturday. The selectors announced a team for the Vagliano Trophy match against the continent in Madrid in September that comprised five players from Scotland, three from Ireland and one from Wales.

It was inevitable after a dismal performance in the British Amateur championship last week at the Caernarvonshire Club, Conway, where the best English performance, by only one player, was to reach the last 16. No one could remember a previous occasion when a British Isles team was drawn exclusively from Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Belle Robertson is recalled to the colours after a lapse of 10 years, automatically so, in view of her performance at Conway, where she beat a fellow Scot, Wilma Aitken, at the 20th in a memorable final to become, at 45, the oldest winner of the title. In harrowing conditions of fierce wind, often accompanied by driving rain, Mrs Robertson played superbly to negotiate the first 13 holes in only two over par.

She thus stood on the 14th tee five up and needed only a half for the match and the championship. But she now lived through a nightmare as the wind deposited her ball in the most inhospitable corners, and when a long putt at the 18th pulled up at least 20 feet short Miss Aitken, who had soldiered admirably on, was back to all square.

"Again Miss Aitken, less than half her opponent's age, had the better of the 19th, but Mrs Robertson at last stopped the rot with a difficult pitch shot skilfully executed and a brave putt from six feet. At the short second both missed an elusive green, but it was Mrs Robertson who was able to get up and down. The warm embrace that followed was characteristic of an occasion that both players, firm friends and travelling companions, in spite of the generation gap, can look back on with pride.

The team is:

B Robertson (Annaverty), W Aitken (Old Ranfurly), G Stewart (Inverness), P Wright (Aboyne), M Rawlings (Bargoed), M Madill (Portstewart), J J Connachan (Royal Musselburgh), M McKenna (Donabate), C Hourthane (Woodbrook). Reserves: V Thomas (Pennard), L Moore (Truro), D Dowling (Royal Mid-Ferry), J Melville (Furness).

ADDINGTON: Grafton Morrish public school old boys tournament, London area qualifiers: 1, Harrow 75pts; 2, Charterhouse 74; 3 equal, Epsom, Dulwich 70; 5, Felsted 68; 6 equal, KCS Wimbledon, Alleyn's 66.

WOODHALL SPA: Grafton Morrish tournament, Midland area qualifiers: 1, Oundle 74; 2, Uppingham 67; 3, Gresham's 65; 4, The Leys 64; 5, Wellingborough 62; 6, Oakham 59.

Missed putt by Faldo helps Lyle survive

Sandy Lyle won his second tournament in the space of four weks when he compiled a final round of 71 in the £60,000 Lawrence Batley international on the 6,426-yards Bingley St Ives course yesterday. Lyle, who went into the last day with a three-stroke lead finished with a four under par winning aggregate of 280 to collect the £10,000 first prize. Nick Faldo, who won the PGA championship two weeks ago, took second place two strokes back with a course record of 66 which delighted a crowd of around 10,000, and Steve Martin, a former Walker Cup player, finished third with 72.

Lyle, in spite of being six strokes ahead of his nearest rival standing on the seventh tee still had to survive the special pressures which come with winning a tournament. This was because his advantage had somewhat spectacularly dwindled to a mere one stroke by the tim eh ewalked off the 13th green. Such dramatic swings are not uncommon in golf but what came as a surprise was the manner in which Lyle was struggling to keep the ball in play.

From the moment he underclubbed when faced with a shot of no more than 140 yards to the green at the 11th (476 yards) which ruined his high hopes of a birdie there, Lyle became a little tense. He hit a bad drive into the purple heather at the 12th (468 yards) to drop a stroke and when he missed the green with his second shot of 150 yards at the 13th, it was apparent he was under pressure.

That pressure, although in many ways Lyle was fortunate in not knowing this, was being strengthened by Faldo. He had failed to hole from three feet for a birdie at the 11th thereby missing an opportunity to add to his birdies at the seventh and ninth but he successfully holed from 10 feet and five feet at the 14th and 15th respectively and found himself only one stroke behind the leader.

At such a time fortune often decides the victory and Lyle received the break which finally parried Faldo's brave thrust. Lyle drove poorly again at the 14th (478 yards), the ball disappearing into the trees, and a hole which provides a clear birdie opportunity suddenly looked as if it might cost him a stroke when he pulled his third shot with a nine-iron. The ball, however, struck a lady spectator on the leg and it rocketed on to the green. Lyle could not believe his good fortune. He checked to see if the lady was hurt, kissed her on the cheek and when walked over to his ball and holed from 15 feet for a birdie four.

It relieved the tension and although over the last few holes he was still unable to emulate the golf which gave him a superb 69 in the wind and rain on Saturday, when he undoubtedly won this tournament, he came home comfortably to a great welcome at the last green. Martin, partnering Lyle, will be happy with his performance in coming third since it represents his best finish since he was runner-up in Jersey 12 months ago and from him we man expect better things in the future.

Leading scores

280: S Lyle, 70, 70, 69, 71. 282: N Faldo, 71, 73, 72, 66. 284: S Martin, 67, 73, 72, 72. 285: M Pinero (Spain), 73, 69, 73, 70. 286: M Miller, 74, 71, 74, 67; N Coles, 68, 71, 77, 70. 287: P Elson, 71, 72, 74, 70. 288: I Mosey, 71, 77, 73, 67; F Zoeller (US), 73, 69, 76, 70; E Murray, 72, 71, 74, 71. 289: E Darcy, 70, 71, 80, 68; M McNulty (Zimbabwe), 76, 71, 74, 68; K Brown, 72, 67, 75, 75. 290: A Garrido (Spain), 74, 72, 76, 68; G Brand, 72, 75, 74, 69; T Horton, 74, 75, 71, 70. 291: R Charles, 74, 72, 74, 71. 292: M Calero (Spain), 76, 71, 76, 69; D Smyth, 75, 71, 76, 70; W Humphreys, 70, 73, 75, 74. 293: B Langer, 73, 67, 84, 69; J O'Leary, 77, 72, 74, 70; J Farmer, 77, 72, 74, 70; J Bland (SA), 76, 73, 73, 71; G Manson, 74, 76, 73, 70; M Bembridge, 74, 72, 75, 72. 294: L Hinkle (US), 69, 73, 80, 72; D Jones, 71, 74, 75, 74; N Ratcliffe (Australia), 71, 76, 75, 72; B Waites, 78, 70, 73, 72; T Johnstone (Zimbabwe), 79, 69, 74, 72; B Dassu (Italy), 76, 74, 72, 72.

Valentine disputes lead

Atlanta, Georgia, June 7.—Tommy Valentine birdied the final hole yesterday to join Calvin Peete in the third-round lead of the $300,000 Atlanta tournament. Valentine and Peete stood at 11-under par 205, one ahead of Frank Conner and Tom Watson who birdied the final two holes for a 68. Morley was on 208, followed by Nicklaus, Floyd and Levi on 209.

Valentine, who led Floyd by two strokes when the day started, had three one-over pars on the front nine but came back with a three-under-par 33 on his final nine holes. His birdie at the 18th came after chipping to within eight feet and holing the putt. Peete played a solid round with three birdies.

THIRD ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 205: T Valentine 68, 65, 72; C Peete 68, 68, 69. 206: T Watson 68, 70, 68; F Conner 70, 67, 69. 208: M Morley 70, 66, 72. 209: J Nicklaus 68, 72, 69; R Floyd 69, 66, 74; W Levi 70, 67, 72. 210: L Elder 71, 65, 74; B Douglass 69, 72, 69. 211: J Pate 71, 72, 68; M Reid 69, 70, 72; D Tewell 69, 70, 72. 212: I Aoki (Japan) 67, 70, 75; D Eichelberger 72, 69, 71.

OTHER FOREIGN SCORES: 215: G Player (SA) 73, 69, 73. 217: R Shearer (Australia) 75, 66, 76. 218: G Norman (Australia) 71, 69, 78. 221: B Devlin (Australia) 75, 67, 79; J Newton (Australia) 73, 72, 76.—Reuter.

Frenchman with taste for British greens

By Peter Ryde

Philippe Ploujoux would not at the beginning of last week have been given, even by his compatriots, more than an outside chance of becoming the first Continental to win the Amateur championship. Yet by the time he had reached the final, having disposed of English internationals Deeble and Lewis, it was clear that the inspired mood in which he found himself on the greens would not easily be dispelled.

Against Hirsch, whom he beat by three and two, he holed three giant putts in the 60-foot range. With the help of mistakes from his opponent, this transformed his situation from two down after four to what would have been five up at lunch if Hirsch had not pitched dead for a birdie at the 18th.

United States usually pay us the courtesy of including any American winner of the British Amateur in their Walker Cup side. They may not extend that courtesy to the runner-up, but he persevered reducing a six up lead to three. It looked like becoming two when in a rare manifestation of nerves Ploujoux putted nine feet short up the slope of the 12th in the afternoon, but his putter immediately corrected its mistake. Ploujoux was one under par for 34 holes.

He is French but he is an Anglophile. He has not said so but one senses it and the evidence is there. In 10 of the past 12 years he has played some golf in Britain at every level, twice finishing seventh in the youths championship. Sure sign of a good putter, he likes fast greens, faster at least than most French courses provide. He uses a slow pendulum stroke which scorns safety devices, a method which has been almost discredited since the now far off days of Ken Bousfield.

Ploujoux thinks that young French golfers should come over here is groups to improve their knowledge of English, golf's universal language. He first came as a boy in 1969 and was disqualified from the boys championship for misreading his starting time. As consolation he went to St Andrew's for his only round on the Old Course that he had played before last week.

It was wet and misty but at once he felt respect for the course. No one had told him to do so, although wise men have written it in books. He simply felt it and he was 14 at the time. This was as important a factor in his success last week as the increased spare time he now gets from a new job which enables him to give his game the full practice he needs.

Triple Crown failure

New York, June 7.—Summing, starting at 7-1, won the Belmont Stakes in a driving finish to foil Pleasant Colony's attempt to become the 12th United States Triple Crown winner. Pleasant Colony, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, loomed up on the outside of long-time leader Summing as the field swung into the straight, but the effort was short-lived. Summing won by a neck from Highland Blade, with Pleasant Colony a length and a half away, third.—Reuter.

Chantilly results

PRIX JEAN PRAT (Group II: 3-y-o c and f: £25,926: 1m 1f)
CRESTA RIDER, br c, by Northern Dancer—Thoroly Blue (S Niarchos) 9-2 .... P Paquet 1
Dunphy .... F Head 2
Big John .... G Doleuze 3
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, 3.60fr; places, 1.40, 1.20, 2.60. Dual F: 3.80. F Boutin. 1l, 1½l. Kisty 4th. 9 ran. 1 min 50.4 sec.

PRIX DU JOCKEY-CLUB (Group I: 3-y-o c and f: £92,593: 1½m)
BIKALA, b c, by Kalamoun—Irish Bird (J Ouaki) 9-2 .... S Gorli 1
Akarad .... Y Saint-Martin 2
Gap of Dunloe ...... G W Moore 3
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, 18.20fr; places, 4.40, 2.20, 8.30. Dual F: 55.70. P L Biancone. 4l, 2½l. Rahotep 4th. 12 ran. 2 min 29.5 sec.

Warwick

6.15: 1, Travel On (5-2); 2, Boldie (6-1); 3, Spanish Fury (33-1). 20 ran. Pleasant Dream (9-4 fav) 4th.
6.45: 1, Miss Posy (14-1); 2, Fine Touch (7-1); 3, Easy Maud (3-1 jt fav). 17 ran. Clares Loch 3-1 jt fav. Karre (16-1) 4th.
7.15: 1, Cyprus Sky (10-11); 2, Still Hope (15-2); 3, Rose Track (16-1). 23 ran. Early Tudor (50-1) 4th. NR: Riboros and Red Clip.
7.45: 1, Rising Fast (14-1); 2, Hadajar (9-2); 3, Colwey Boy (13-2). 16 ran. Nimble Dove, 3-1 fav. Twool (12-1) 4th.
8.15: 1, Marmagoa (5-4 fav); 2, Bold Pooly Polly (12-1); 3, Silent Tears (33-1). 18 ran. Ascot Blue (12-1) 4th. NR: Flying Tyke and My Jem.
8.45: 1, Butosky (11-1); 2, Ceramic (16-1); 3, Nepotism (10-1). 19 ran. Bell-Tent and Galles 4-1 jt fav. La Piccolina 8-1 4th. NR: Swift Palm.

Haydock Park

2.0: 1, Quality Road (7-2); 2, Dear Jem (5-1); 3, Jade Empress (9-2). 5 ran. Heavy Weapon 2-1 fav (4th). NR: The Huyton Girls.
2.35: 1, Westonbirt (100-30); 2, Lucky Joker (7-1); 3, Razor Son (3-1 fav). 13 ran. Brazen Bid (20-1) 4th.
3.10: 1, Last Fandango (evens fav); 2, Milk of the Barley (5-1); 3, The Quiet Bidder (4-1). 7 ran. Jebb Lane (5-1) 4th. NR: Parkdale.
3.45: 1, Feltwell (7-1); 2, Capricorn Line (11-8 fav); 3, Admiral's Heir (10-1). 10 ran. Angle Fire (14-1) 4th.
4.15: 1, Kings Town (16-1); 2, Over The Top (7-1); 3, Boreas (14-1). Roybirdie 5-1 fav. Celia's Halo (12-1) 4th. 20 ran.
4.45: 1, Kathred (11-8 fav); 2, Tullilli Bello (11-4); 3, Saleera (16-1). Rondarosa (5-2) 4th. 5 ran.
5.15: 1, Rosetta Stone (4-1); 2, Irish Keep (4-6 fav); 3, Fair Fight (5-1). 6 ran. Lowther Street (50-1) 4th.

Catterick

1.30: 1, My Dad Tom (11-4); 2, Best Bold (6-4 fav); 3, Greenwood Lady (5-1). 8 ran. Grey Mercy (10-1) 4th.
2.00: 1, Praiselion (100-30 fav); 2, Miss Mirabelle (4-1); 3, Jolly Green Giant (16-1). 15 ran. Goldliner Game (25-1) 4th. NR: Brother Kempinski.
2.35: 1, Prow (15-2); 2, Wild Rosie (9-2 jt fav); 3, Summer Path (10-1). Tedham Mass (9-2 jt fav). Young Robin (33-1) (4th). NR: Bisheryl and Newgate.
3.20: 1, Shine Forth (3-1); 2, The Arcadian (6-1); 3, Island Walk (12-1). 18 ran. Goldliner Imp 11-4 fav. Nimbo (13-1) 4th. NR: Miss Ninian, B B Oil.
3.50: 1, Roman Quest (9-2); 2, Cree Bay (2-1 fav); 3, Saint Crispin Bay (20-1). 10 ran. Super Sunset 4th. NR: Jolly Burglar.
4.20: 1, Quickbeam (12-1); 2, All Summer (14-1); 3, Jil Buck (6-1). 15 ran. Fair of Face 1-4 fav. Offering (14-1) 4th. NR: Play Me.

Epsom results

1.45 1, CELESTIAL CITY (13-8 fav) 2, To The Point (5-1); 3, Siloloka (20-1). 8 ran. Northern Scene (20-1) 4th.
2.20 1, OH SO CHOOSY (100-30 jt fav); 2, K-Sera (13-2); 3, What Heaven (100-30 jt fav). 8 ran Dooble Do (7-1) 4th.
3.55 1, BLUE WIND (3-1 jt fav); 2, Madam Gay (10-1); 3, Leap Lively (3-1 jt fav). 12 ran. Ivory Wings (25-1) (4th).
3.30 1, DOCKLANDS (12-1); 2, Haven Cool (14-1); 3, Princess Gate (20-1). 13 ran. Black Mike (7-4 fav) 4th.
4.05 1, OLD DOMINION (11-1); 2, Corn Street (6-1); 3, R J Wallis (11-1). 12 ran Socks up and Vervados 6-2 jt fav. 12-1 General Wade (13-1) 4th.
4.35 1, MINMAX (9-2); 2, Sinqwara (6-1); 3, Casa Esquillina (9-1). 9 ran. Star Fleet (6-5 fav) 4th.

STATE OF GOING (official): Leicester: good to firm; Hamilton: good; Lingfield: good to soft. Tomorrow: Yarmouth: good.

Leicester programme

2.15 WOLVEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o c and g: £1,306: 5f)
1 0 Al Hasa, H Cecil, 9-0 .... Piggott 3
2 Barooq, F Durr, 9-0 .... Marshall 1
6 30 Changatu, R Hollinshead, 9-0 .... Perks 7
8 Haven's Pride, P Cole, 9-0 .... Reid 8
9 Laucas, A Dalton, 9-0 .... Black 7 10
10 403 Mardi Gras, B Hobbs, 9-0 .... Hide 16
11 Mister Pitt, G Hunter, 9-0 .... Cook 14
15 00 Pentax, D Elsworth, 9-0 .... Fox 4
18 00 Rocket Roll, R Armstrong, 9-0 .... Still 15
20 Salutius, M Jarvis, 9-0 .... Raymond 6
21 Southfork Star, R Boss, 9-0 .... Baxter 5
23 0 Tiger Town, P Haslam, 9-0 .... Jago 11
24 Tough Critic, G Huffer, 9-0 Crossley 5 9
26 Winter Words, G P-Gordon, 9-0 Duffield 13
27 0 Worlingworth, M Ryan, 9-0 .... Lowe 2
28 0 Ya-Ho, J Hardy, 9-0 .... Eddery 12
15-8 Al Hasa, 100-30 Mardi Gras, 5-1 Haven's Pride, 7-1 Rocket Roll, 10-1 Mister Pitt, 14-1 Barooq, 16-1 Changatu, Salutius, 25-1 others.

2.45 HICKLING HANDICAP (Seller: £872: 7f)
5 -0200 Hunting Heir (B), Mrs J Pitman, 4-9-0 Johnson 17
6 24-43 La Fedhala, N Gaselee, 5-9-0 .... Hills 7 4
8 0000- Pesco Penco, D Weeden, 4-8-11 .. Young 2
9 -0000 Tarleton, P Rohan, 4-8-10 .... Cook 12
11 00-00 Teagarden, D Sasse, 4-8-10 .... Mathias 8
15 -0004 Rudry Grange, D H Jones, 3-8-5 .... Reid 16
17 202-0 Sparkler's Star (B), P Haslam, 3-8-3 Jago 5
19 0000- Flying Octopus, J Bradley, 4-8-3 Launchbury 6
20 0-301 Riboden (D), G Fletcher, 3-8-3 .. Higgins 1
21 0400- Mistereff, R Mason, 4-8-2 .... Lowe 13
22 0-000 Windsor Brook, V Soane, 4-8-2 .. Howe 5 7
23 0-000 Prince Runnymede (B), J D-Home, 4-8-2 Eddery 3
24 0-003 Burke's Folly (B), K Bridgwater, 4-8-2 Carlisle 5 10
27 00-34 Salford Supreme, D Nicholson, 4-8-2 Hayes 7 18
28 00-00 Likeable Fella, B Richmond, 4-8-2 Duffield 15
30 0000 Aqua Blue (B), P Asquith, 4-8-2 .. Dwyer 9
31 0-000 Grand Alliance, M Camacho, 4-8-2 Webster 19
33 0030 Panto Island, T Fairhurst, 3-8-0 .... — 14
36 0010- Vanrenos (D), W Clay, 3-7-11 .... Gray 11
38 3003 Maurice's Tip (B), M Tompkins, 3-7-8 B Jones 20
40 0-000 Hanover Lad, J Hardy, 3-7-7 .. A Proud 5 21
9-2 La Fedhala, 5-1 Riboden, 6-1 Panto Island, 7-1 Tarleton, 8-1 Sparkler's Star, 10-1 Salford Supreme, Hunting Heir, 12-1 Maurice's Tip, 14-1 Burke's Folly, 16-1 Mistereff, Vanrenos, 20-1 others.

3.15 SHARNFORD HANDICAP (£1,987: 1¼m)
1 0-0 Crested Grebe (D), D Gandolfo, 6-10-0 Reid 10
2 /0 Brizlee (CD), B Hobbs, 5-10-0 .... Hide 2
3 2011- Wonderful Surprise (CD), E Eldin, 4-9-10 Madden 8
4 0-001 Ballywackmacroo (D), G P-Gordon, 4-9-8 Bond 12
6 -3p40 Big Pal (CD), G Harwood, 6-9-6 .... — 11
9 0-034 Irish Rifle, D Laing, 4-9-2 .... Payne 5 14
13 -3340 Hymnos (D, B), J Bethell, 4-8-12 Eddery 5
14 1044 Ski's Double (CD), R Hollinshead, 5-8-9 Perks 9
17 203-0 Buffoon, D Elsworth, 6-8-8 .... Fox 13
19 00-40 Cwmyraithin, M Tate, 5-8-5 .... Hills 5 15
21 -3402 Irish Poet (D), G Huffer, 7-8-4 Crossley 5 6
23 03-00 Regalus (D), H Westbrook, 7-7-13 McGlone 5 4
25 20-04 Ascot Again, R Mason, 5-7-8 .... Lowe 3
26 Misty Glen, J Bradley, 6-7-7 .... Dicks 7 1
27 Love Patrol, K Bridgwater, 6-7-7 .. Leason 7
7-2 Ballywackmacroo, 9-2 Irish Rifle, 5-1 Wonderful Surprise, 6-1 Hymnos, 7-1 Big Pal, 8-1 Ski's Double, 10-1 Brizlee, 12-1 Irish Poet, 20-1 others.

3.45 RAGDALE HANDICAP (£1,926: 1¼m)
4 02-00 Constant Rose (CD), J Harris, 5-9-2 Piggott 13
5 0-144 Royal Rex (CD), J Tierney, 5-9-0 Howe 5 2
11 0000 Prince Warren (B), R Stubbs, 4-8-7 Fry 7 12
12 4400- Nahane (C), P Bevan, 4-8-6 .... — 6
14 002-0 More Lavender, J Dodd, 4-8-5 .. Matthias 15
16 -4001 Greatest Hits (D, B), D Laing, 4-8-3 Reid 14
18 2401- Gayles Bambina (D), G Harwood, 4-8-2 — 7
23 -0020 The Goldstone (CD), W Wightman, 9-7-12 Fox 5
25 -4040 Slicakey, M Ryan, 4-7-11 .... — 1
26 -0400 Groovy Girl, R Boss, 4-7-10 .... Johnson 4
28 00-00 Victory Hymn, P Cole, 5-7-10 .. Duffield 3
29 03-11 Norfolk Gold, B McMahon, 4-7-9 .. Leason 9
33 4411 Lynconwise (C), J Bolger, 3-7-8 Crossley 5 10
34 010-0 Well Greased, W Holden, 4-7-7 Ferguson 11
36 012-0 Alfred Milner (D, B), R Stubbs, 4-7-7 Lowe 8
9-4 Lynconwise, 4-1 Greatest Hits, 9-2 Royal Rex, 13-2 Gayles Bambina, 8-1 The Goldstone, 14-1 Alfred Milner, 16-1 More Lavender, Norfolk Gold, 25-1 others.

4.15 OLD DALBY STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,336: 7f)
2 001 Princess Arabella (D), M Jarvis, 8-13 Raymond 3
4 4-000 Atlanta Lady (B), J Bethell, 8-7 Johnson 7
5 Bassie, J D-Home, 8-7 .... Matthias 1
6 Canadian Charisma, D Laing, 8-7 .... Jago 21
8 0002 Cyprus Garden, D Elsworth, 8-7 .... Fox 22
9 00-42 Embustera, G P-Gordon, 8-7 .... Duffield 2
10 40 English Princess, H Westbrook, 8-7 McGlone 5 10
11 Estremadura, J D-Home, 8-7 .... Logie 17
13 0-303 Footrest, B Hobbs, 8-7 .... Cochrane 3 8
16 0 Hasty Perfection, G Blum, 8-7 .... Ives 8
19 00- Kallet Lane, R Stubbs, 8-7 .... Lowe 15
20 00- Lady Menelaus, P Makin, 8-7 .... Hide 9
21 000- Lethe, Thomson Jones, 8-7 .... Cook 13
23 Missile Miss, W Holden, 8-7 .... Gunn 20
25 00-0 Over The Peak, W Wightman, 8-7 Crossley 5 16
26 0- Petona, M Jarvis, 8-7 .... — 14
27 00 Roman Stone, W Bentley, 8-7 ...... Dwyer 18
28 04-0 Rose Music, R Armstrong, 8-7 .. Piggott 19
29 0 Seven Seas, H Wragg, 8-7 .... Eddery 11
31 00 Sugaran (B), D Wintle, 8-7 .... McNamee 12
33 00-00 Town Jenny, R Hollinshead, 8-7 .. Perks 6
35 0 Vilasa, R Armstrong, 8-7 .... Banner 7 4
7-4 Princess Arabella, 11-4 Footrest, 4-1 Rose Music, 7-1 Embustera, 10-1 Cyprus Garden, 12-1 Lethe, 16-1 others.

4.45 SWANNINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,761: 6f)
1 1 Senorita Querida, W Guest, 9-4 Finlayson 7 14
2 041 Lucky Fortune (C), B Hanbury, 9-2 McGlone 5 7
3 01 Major Irish, E Eldin, 9-2 .... Madden 1
7 0 Divine Madness, R Armstrong, 8-11 Duffield 13
12 0 Le Touquet, R Hartop, 8-11 .. Matthias 16
13 0 Noirio, B Hobbs, 8-11 .... Hide 11
16 0 Robout, N Callaghan, 8-11 .... Raymond 10
19 344 Libby Jayne, G Huffer, 8-8 .... Crossley 5 2
21 Custer, H Cecil, 8-6 .... Piggott 3
23 Fountain Valley, G Hunter, 8-6 ...... Cook 6
24 Knights Hill, R Armstrong, 8-6 ...... Still 4
27 On The Spot, C Brittain, 8-6 .... Johnson 15
30 Pethi Mou, S Mellor, 8-6 .... Ives 8
32 Raisinusha, W Guest, 8-6 .... — 12
34 Its-A-Twist, W Wharton, 8-3 .. Clotworthy 9
35 My Lady Blue, D Ancil, 8-3 ...... Eddery 2
5-2 Custer, 3-1 Senorita Querida, 6-1 Major Irish, 7-1 Noirio, 8-1 Robout, 12-1 Lucky Fortune, 14-1 Fountain Valley, 16-1 Libby Jayne, 20-1 others.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Haven's Pride. 2.45 La Fedhala. 3.15 Ballywackmacroo. 3.45 Lynconwise. 4.15 Princess Arabella. 4.45 Noiri.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Al Hasa. 2.45 Riboden. 3.15 Irish Poet. 3.45 Groovy Girl. 4.15 Princess Arabella. 4.45 Custer.

Lingfield programme

2.30 FERRENDONS STAKES (Div 1: 3-y-o Maidens: £1,415: 7f 140yds)
1 00- Beauchamp D'Argent, E Eldin, 9-0 Parr 5 11
5 44-30 Dullingham Lad, H Collingridge, 9-0 Sexton 12
8 0-030 Foxy Fellow, C Nelson, 9-0 .... Rogers 13
14 022-0 Monks Farm, J Dunlop, 9-0 .... Carson 4
16 0-00 New Model, B Swift, 9-0 .... Thomas 14
18 0032 Perdiccas, C Austin, 9-0 .... Rouse 1
20 04 Place Concorde, P Walwyn, 9-0 .. J Mercer 6
23 0-000 Redesign (B), T Marshall, 9-0 .... McKay 15
26 0-00 Silca Star Key, G Harwood, 9-0 .. Starkey 5
27 0-0 Silver Kettle, G Balding, 9-0 .... Weaver 8
28 00- Sladelands, W Wightman, 9-0 .... Baxter 3
32 Tibullus, M Bolton, 9-0 .... Curant 9
34 0- Tim Whisky, P Cole, 9-0 .... Malham 7 2
36 4-00 Bellsair Dream, F Durr, 8-11 .. Robinson 7
43 Musical Melody, B Swift, 8-11 D McFeeters 7 10
11-4 Monks Farm, 7-2 Place Concorde, 4-1 Bellsair Dream, 11-2 Silca Star Key, 8-1 Foxy Fellow, 10-1 New Model, 16-1 others.

3.0 SMUGGLERS STAKES (Div 1: 3-y-o Maidens: £1,354: 1½m)
2 0 Banknote, P Walwyn, 9-0 ...... J Mercer 9
4 0 Evzon, C Brittain, 9-0 .... Carson 6
7 0-042 Le Beau, P Cole, 9-0 .... Waldron 1
10 004 Nepcote, H Price, 9-0 .... Rouse 14
14 0- Royal Swan, M Haynes, 9-0 .... Blanks 7
15 0000 Sailors Revenge, E Beeson, 9-0 .... — 11
19 Aberoyale, M Bolton, 8-11 .... Curant 10
22 00 Careless Talk, C Wildman, 8-11 .. Rogers 12
23 000- Cornish Lullaby, F Durr, 8-11 .. Robinson 4
27 00 La Reid, C Benstead, 8-11 .... — 2
29 000-0 Master Oakley, P Mitchell, 8-11 . Swinburn 13
30 Ma Femme, B Hobbs, 8-11 .... Taylor 3
32 Parish Priest, J O'Donoghue, 8-11 O'Leary 5
37 40-00 Silver Dancer (B), N Gaselee, 8-11 Thomas 8
6-4 Le Beau, 2-1 Nepcote, 9-2 Banknote, 8-1 Ma Femme, 12-1 Evzon, 16-1 others.

3.30 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (£11,681: 7f 140yds)
2 1220- Tender Heart, J Sutcliffe, 5-9-10 Waldron 1
3 0002 Sparkling Boy, P Kelleway, 4-9-10 .. — 8
4 10-23 Herons Hollow, G Harwood, 4-9-4 Starkey 5
6 01-00 Steeple Bell, M Stoute, 5-9-2 .. Swinburn 6
7 1-000 Golden Elder (C-D), P Walwyn 6-8-13 J Mercer 2
8 0-021 Scarrowmanwick (C), N. Vigors, 3-8-8 Curant 7
12 01-14 Cajolery (C), I Walker, 5-8-4 Colquhoun 4
14 -0211 Havoc, C Brittain, 3-8-3 .... Carson 3
16 1-001 Redden, B Swift, 3-7-13 .... Thomas 9
3-1 Herons Hollow, 4-1 Havoc, 5-1 Scarrowmanwick, 6-1 Redden, 8-1 Sparkling Boy, 12-1 Golden Elder, Tender Heart, Cajolery, 16-1 Steeple Bell.

4.0 BARN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,173: 6f)
2 2141- Sweet Monday (D), J Holt, 9-12 Waldron 6
3 10-00 Ashbrittle, W Wightman, 9-9 .... — 7
4 30-40 Chemin (D), J Hindley, 9-9 ...... Taylor 2
5 140-0 Sanu, F Durr, 9-9 .... Robinson 4
6 120-0 Arch Melody, G Harwood, 9-5 .. Starkey 1
7 00 Paterno, R Armstrong, 9-5 .... Mercer 9
9 00 Derring Prince, B Swift, 9-0 .... Thomas 5
12 0- Barnlough, M Haynes, 8-11 .... Ramshaw 8
13 0- Sandoli, J Winter, 8-11 .... Cauthen 3
10-11 Sweet Monday, 7-2 Chemin, 5-1 Arch Melody, 8-1 Sanu, 12-1 Ashbrittle, 16-1 others.

4.30 SAFFRON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,628: 5f)
1 013 Final Strike (D), F Durr, 9-1 .. Starkey 7
2 01 Ma Tante (D), H Candy, 8-12 .. Waldron 9
4 000 Hearty Hunter (B), J Sutcliffe, 8-11 Baxter 11
5 0 Lewers, C Benstead, 8-11 .... Rouse 10
6 00 Rhinestone Cowboy, Pat Mitchell, 8-11 Carson 9
7 0 Rublink, C Nelson, 8-11 .... Cauthen 4
8 0 My Blue Heaven, S Matthews, 8-8 Salmon 6
9 0 Peaceful Light, D Whelan, 8-8 .. J Mercer 5
11 Coastline, C Benstead, 8-7 .... Swinburn 1
12 Mandriano, G P-Gordon, 8-7 .. Rimmer 3 2
15 The Ripleyite, G Balding, 8-7 .... Weaver 12
17 Sparkling Girl, B Swift, 8-4 ...... Thomas 3
7-4 Ma Tante, 5-2 Final Strike, 6-1 The Ripleyite, 8-1 Sparkling Girl, 10-1 Rhinestone Cowboy, 12-1 others.

5.0 EAST GRINSTEAD HANDICAP (£1,746: 2m)
2 0040- Ayyabaan, J Jenkins, 4-9-11 .... — 5
3 0100 Shaab (C-D), C Benstead, 6-9-11 .. Rouse 4
4 2-002 Ribo Charter, P Kelleway, 4-9-6 .. Young 12
6 220/0 Palmerston, J Dunlop, 8-9-1 .... Carson 6
7 00-00 Trampler (D), J Scallan, 4-8-12 J Mercer 8
8 -00-10 Taher, G Harwood, 3-8-9 .... Starkey 2
9 130-0 Bye Appeal, J. Winter, 5-8-5 .... Taylor 11
11 1-000 Red Toff (D), C Brittain, 4-8-0 . Cauthen 5
13 30-12 Tea-Pot, M Blanshard, 5-8-0 .... McKay 1
14 2300 Down to Darkie (D), M Haynes, 6-7-11 Newnes 3 7
15 000/2 Morton the Hatter, M Masson, 5-7-7 Brown 7 9
17 00-00 Grytos, O Jorgensen, 5-7-7 .... Clark 5 10
5-2 Tea-Pot, 7-2 Ribo Charter, 4-1 Shaab, 11-2 Morton, The Hatter, 8-1 Ayyabaan, 10-1 Taher, 16-1 others.

5.30 FERRENDONS STAKES (Div 2: 3-y-o maidens: £1,413: 7f 140yds)
2 220-0 Cabbage Man (B), H Candy, 9-0 Waldron 10
4 -0020 Community Star, B Swift, 9-0 .. Thomas 4
7 0- Fire Chieftain, J Holt, 9-0 ...... — 11
9 00- Johns Present, C Benstead, 9-0 ...... — 7
15 000-0 Mr Mischief (B), M Masson, 9-0 .. Curant 6
19 03 Pick a Straw, B Hills, 9-0 ...... Cauthen 15
21 330-0 Precious Moments, H Price, 9-0 .. Rouse 3
24 -0000 Secret Harbour, C Brittain, 9-0 .. Carson 9
29 00-04 Spannerlee, G Balding, 9-0 ...... Higgins 8
31 -0300 The Vagrant, G Lewis, 9-0 ...... Saxton 5
33 00 Tidmarsh, S Matthews, 9-0 ...... Salmon 13
35 0-0 Wyanwith Sovereign, N Vigors, 9-0 J Mercer 1
38 0-0 Caribbean Blue, J Winter, 8-11 .. Taylor 12
42 Kentucky Lady, B Swift, 8-11 .. Ramshaw 3
45 2 Quality of Mercy, G Harwood, 8-11 Starkey 14
13-8 Quality of Mercy, 3-1 Pick a Straw, 9-2 Spannerlee, 8-1 Precious Moments, 12-1 Community Star, 14-1 others.

6.0 SMUGGLERS STAKES (Div 2: 3-y-o maidens: £1,354: 1½m)
3 4-000 Duke of Brittany, S Woodman, 9-0 Swinburn 8
6 0-040 Gulf Palm, R Smyth, 9-0 ...... Carson 14
8 000-0 Nash Releir, T Robson, 9-0 .... J Mercer 3
11 0-030 Prince Lightning, H Price, 9-0 .... Rouse 2
17 00- Thaumaturge, R Smyth, 9-0 .... Ramshaw 4
20 00-04 Ashore, H Candy, 8-11 ...... Radcliffe 7 6
26 Flashing Gaze, R Houghton, 8-11 Cauthen 9
28 0 Mad Money, W Musson, 8-11, .. Middleton 11
31 02- On Her Own, G Harwood, 8-11 .. Starkey 5
33 Ponsi's Hope, M Haynes, 8-11 .. Blanks 13
34 0- Queen Berengaria, J Dunlop, 8-11 Dawe 7 1
35 0 Riverhill Bay, C Wildman, 8-11 .. Rogers 10
36 023 Sasso-Go, B Hobbs, 8-11 ...... Baxter 12
39 0-200 Spare The Rod, T Marshall, 8-11 .. McKay 7
11-4 On Her Own, 3-1 Ashore, 5-1 Sass-Go, 7-1 Flashing Gaze, 8-1 Prince Lightning, 10-1 Duke of Brittany, 12-1 Queen Berengaria, 16-1 others.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.30 Monks Farm. 3.0 Le Beau. 3.30 Redden. 4.0 Sweet Monday. 4.30 Ma Tante. 5.0 Ayyabaan. 5.30 Quality of Mercy. 6.0 Duke of Brittany.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Dullingham Lad, 3.0 Evzon. 3.30 Steeple Bell. 4.0 Chemin. 4.30 Final Strike. 5.0 Ribo Charter

Horse show

Liquid Diamond in the rain

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Robert Smith, Graham Fletcher, and Malcolm Pyrah all qualified a pair of horses apiece for the barrage of the Radio Rentals Stakes, at the Royal Bath and West Show, at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, but it was the youngest of these three stalwart Yorkshiremen who consolidated his advantage.

Torrential rain accompanied the closing stages of this £2,500 competition, which incorporated the Somerset area international trial, and qualified the winner to jump for the King George V Cup at the Royal International Horse Show at Wembley, but neither the conditions nor the final fence standing at 5 ft 4 in daunted the contestants, and 13 horses found it within their compass.

Fletcher set the target on Preacham, whose second clear round was achieved in 44.8 sec. Then Pyrah on Charles Fox cut the time to 43.9 sec, a time identical to that of young Smith on Video, who reverted, stopped, and knocked up 35 faults as well.

On his second ride, the grey Liquid Diamond, Robert's blood was up, and he went the shortest way on this handy old reprobate to win in 40.8 sec from Nick Skelton on Everest's If Ever (42.1 sec) and Pyrah on Powerlands Anglezarke (43.3 sec) and Charles Fox.

Lionel Dunning, the holder on Jungle Bunny, received double compensation in the shape of the Cockburns leading rider's award for himself and his wife, Pam, worth £1,000.

David Bowen, who had jumped for four days without reward in the main ring, also enjoyed a last-ditch victory when Coady won the Lancia Stakes in the second ring by half a second from Fred Welch, who was in form all the week, winning two of the four big competitions.

RADIO RENTALS STAKES: 1, Team Simonix's Liquid Diamond (R Smith); 2, N Skelton's If Ever; 3, T Hunnable's Powerlands Anglezarke (M Pyrah).
CHAMPION CHILDREN'S PONY: C R Sandison's Pleen Sweet Honesty. Reserve: Dr and Mrs M G Scott's Cusop Heiress.

Polo

Waiting game left too late

By John Watson

The Queen was among several thousand spectators who went to Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday, to see Lord Vestey's Stowell Park, the holders of the Queen's Cup, play Lord Cowdray's team, Cowdray Park, in the final of the tournament.

Although Stowell conceded one handicap goal there was nothing to choose between the two, either in polo ability or pony-power. One or two of the players are well-known for committing fouls and there was much umpires whistle, but a fast, open game ensued. The Cowdray team all played magnificently, especially their Argentine number 2, Juaregui, who integrates happily there, and their time-honoured number three—Paul Withers, whose performance has been consistently good this season.

Stowell have a habit of adapting to their opponents' tactics, and then bringing out their best ponies and putting on the pressure in the second half. But yesterday they left it too late; they played a less accurate game and their central pair, Moore and Barrantes (who had twice fallen painfully in the semi-final) lost several easy opportunities.

At the end of the fourth chukka it was 4—4; then Withers, Juaregui and Harper each found the flags to make it 7—4, and the final account was a 7—5 victory to Cowdray Park. Paul Withers' Archie won the prize for the best pony of the match.

Next on to the number one ground where the finalists for the tournament's subsidiary contest for the Rothmans Trophy, Alex Ebeid's Falcons and Ronaldo de Lima's Ipanema. Both teams aggregating the top 22-goal hadicap, it was a level start. But Ipanema, with Alvaro Pieres and Juni Crotto cooperating beautifully and Oliver Ellis proving a quick goal-scoring number one, drew ahead at 4—3 in the fourth chukka, and went on to win 8—6.

COWDRAY PARK: 1, C Pearson (2); 2, C Juaregui (8); 3, P Withers (7); back, S Harper (4).
STOWELL PARK: 1, Lord Vestey (3); 2, E Moore (10); 3, H Barrantes (8); back, C Bethell (1).
IPANEMA: 1, O Ellis (4); 2, A Pieres (6); 3, H Crotto (9); back, R de Lima (3).
FALCONS: 1, A Ebeid (1); 2, G Pieres (9); 3, H Merlos (9); back, P Elliott (3).

For the record



Athletics

BRATISLAVA: International meeting: Men: 100m, M Roberson (US), 10.34sec. 200m, I Nagy (Hungary), 20.93. 400m, C Reyte (Cuba), 47.31. 800m, A Paroczai (Hungary), 1min 47.76sec. 1,500m, J Abascal (Spain), 3min 41.09sec. 5,000m, I Uvizl (Czechoslovakia), 13min 41.27sec. 10,000m, R Hebchaqui (Algeria), 28min 40.34sec. 110m hurdles, D Cooper (US), 13.42sec. 400m hurdles, M Kodeis (Czechoslovakia), 50.27sec. 3,000m hurdles, A Babaci (Algeria), 8min 38.39sec. High jump, B Huth (EG), 2.18m. Long jump, S Jaskulka (Poland), 7.85m. Triple jump, W Banks (US), 17.31m. Pole vault, M Klimczyk (Poland), 5.50m. Discus, L Delis (Cuba), 66.28m. Javelin, K Heller (EG), 88.80m. Shot, B Oldfield (US), 21.42m. Women: 400m, I Nazarova (USSR), 52.44sec. 800m, R Ulrich (EG), 1min 59.31sec. 1,500m, V Stoifert (WG), 4min 13.14sec. 3,000m, K Bossner (EG), 9min 42.38sec. 100m hurdles, T Anisimova (USSR), 12.86sec. 400m hurdles, M Appleby (Ireland), 59.03sec. High jump, E Bela (Hungary), 1.86m. Long jump, L Jimramovska (Czechoslovakia), 6.37m. Discus, F Craciunescu (Romania), 68.98m. Javelin, K Girbeso (Romania), 56.38m. Shot, H Fibingerova (Czechoslovakia), 20.86m.

TOKYO: Asian championships: Men: 100m, S Jaesarapara (Thailand), 10.52sec. 400m, T Isobe (Japan), 46.72sec. 800m, A Rajan (India), 1min 50.21sec. 5,000m, Gopal Singh (India), 13min 52.22sec. 10,000m, K Ito (Japan), 28min 53.29sec. 4 x 100m relay, Japan, 39.86sec. 4 x 400m relay, Japan, 3min 7.06sec. Pole vault, T Takahashi (Japan), 5.20m. Long jump, Liu Yu Huang (China), 8.05m. High jump, Zhu Jianhua (China), 2.30m. Decathlon, Sabir Ali (India), 7,253pts. Women: 200m, E Konshi (Japan), 24.46sec. 800m, G Zutshi (India), 2min 8.13sec. 1,500m, Zhang Yubong (China), 4min 27.11sec. 4 x 100m relay, Japan, 45.70sec. 4 x 400m relay, Malaysia. 400m hurdles, A Yukiko (Japan), 59.26sec. Septathlon, Ye Peisu (China), 5,445pts. High jump, H Fukumitsu (Japan), 1.93m. Javelin, Tang Guoli (China), 61.64m (Asian record).

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 3, Atlanta Braves 0; Chicago Cubs 11, Los Angeles Dodgers 5; Cincinnati Reds 9, Montreal Expos 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 7, San Francisco Giants 5; St Louis Cardinals 11, San Diego Padres 1; Houston Astros 6, New York Mets 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Minnesota Twins 1; Oakland Athletics 6, Boston Red Sox 2; New York Yankees 2, Chicago White Sox 0; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Kansas City Texas Rangers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Royals 2, California Angels 10, Baltimore Orioles 0; Cleveland Indians 5, Seattle Mariners 3.

Croquet

PARKSTONE: Open singles: Play-off: Dr W P Ormerod beat T I Wood + 5. Handicap singles: Final: Dr J A McMordie (5½) beat J F Pollard (8) + 12. Handicap doubles: Final: L B Barnes and J F Pollard (15) beat P J Shepard and Mrs L B Barnes (17) + 13. Level singles: Final: J P Dawson beat J F Pollard + 17.
CHELTENHAM: Pimms international tournament: England beat Wales 4—0.

Cycling

ARZIGNANO: Tour of Italy: 197km stage (Italians unless stated): 1, P Gavazzi, 4hr 15min 22sec, 46.286kph; 2, G Saronni; 3, F Moser. Overall after 21 stages: 1, G Battaglin, 103hr 57min 32sec; 2, G Saronni, 103:58.11; 3, T Prim (Sweden), 103:58.22.

PARIS: Grand Prix: 1, B Hinault; 2, S Beucherie; 3, P Husotte.

Equestrianism

HOOGE MIERE (Netherlands): Three-day event, leader after dressage: 1, M Rigoots (Belgium), Tsarina, 51.20pts; equal 2, H Bervoets (Belgium), Taby and L van Michem (Belgium), Domino, 55.20; 4, de Jonge (Netherlands), Upper Church, 55.80. British placings included: 5, E Stibbe (Netherlands), Autumn 8, R Meade, Three Cups, 57.80; 11, Captain M Phillips, Classic Lines, 60.49.

Golf

MORETONHAMPSTEAD: WPGA United Friendly Insurance tournament, leading final scores: 220: S Lovoque (US) 80, 68, 72. 228: C Panton 81, 72, 75; S Galbraith (Australia) 76, 76, 76. 230: C Langford 80, 78, 72; J Ellis (Canada) 78, 72, 80. 231: A Middleton 83, 72, 76; M Walker 78, 74, 79. 233: M Burton 85, 74, 74; J Chapman 82, 76, 75. 235: B Lewis 85, 76, 74; K Ehrnlund (Sweden) 83, 75, 77. 236: M Thomson 81, 76, 79. 238: V Marvin 84, 79, 75; B Cooper 85, 77, 76; S Moon (United States) 87, 73, 78; T Fernando (Sri Lanka) 85, 73, 80.

IPOH (Malaysia): Mizuno Open tournament, third round. Leaders.—215: Sahabuddin Yusoff (Malaysia) 69, 70, 76. 220: E Nival (Philippines) 72, 75, 73. 221: Lim Kian Tong (Singapore) 70, 76, 75.

PHILADELPHIA: LPGA tournament, third-round leaders: 208: A Alcott 69, 69, 70. 211: S Post (Canada) 69, 69, 73. 212: B Moxness 72, 73, 67. 213: D Dailey 69, 69, 75; C Johnson 71, 69, 73. 214: J Carner 68, 73, 73; B Daniel 70, 72, 72; D Austin 73, 70, 71; P Bradley 69, 71, 74. 215: B King 71, 70, 74. 216: L Bruce Parks 72, 74, 70; M Floyd 74, 72, 70; M Spencer-Devlin 72, 72, 72; S McAllister 71, 69, 76. Other foreign scores: 219: J Stephenson (Australia) 71, 71, 77. 222: B Mizrahie (Indonesia) 76, 73, 73. 224: C Sherk (Canada) 74, 74, 76. 226: P Pulz (Australia) 74, 77, 75. 227: A Sheard (SA) 75, 75, 77.

Motor rallying

JARLOW: Scottish rally, 18th stage: 1, T Pond 115min 42sec, Vauxhall Chevette; 2, J McRae, Opel Ascona, 1:56:53; 3, P Airikkala (Finland), Ford Escort, 1:58:3; 4, M Wilson, Ford Escort, 1:59:10; 5, D Gallacher, Vauxhall Chevette, 2:2:30; 6, I Cathcart, Ford Escort, 2:3:16.

Netball

DUNEDIN: New Zealand 48, England 40.

Rowing

WALTON-ON-THAMES: Whitbread Sprint Eights: Kingston beat Hampton School, three lengths, 1 min 31 sec. Elite: London University beat Kingston, 4l, 4.51. Senior A: Radley College beat Walton, 1½l, 5.37. Coxless fours: Elite: London University beat Vesta, 3½l, 5.57. Senior A: London University beat Weybridge, 2½l, 6.07. Coxed fours: Elite: London University beat Kent University easily, 6.14. Elite coxless pairs: London University A beat London University B, 2l, 6.41. Elite double sculls: St George's College beat Marlow, ½l, 6.04. Sculling: Elite: P Burwood (London) beat A Rudkin (Bewlbridge), easily, 7.41.

Rugby Union

BULAWAYO: Zimbabwe 17, Cardiff 34.
ASUNCION: Paraguay 6, South African XV 58.

Tennis

TORONTO: Legends tournament, first round: K Rosewall (Australia) beat R Taylor (GB), 6—3, 7—5; R Emerson (Australia) beat C Drysdale (SA), 6—2, 6—4.

Cricket

SCHOOLS: *Abbot Beyne 119—9 dec; King Edward's, Lichfield 40. *Allhallows 162; Old Honitonians 62. *Dean Close 159—9 dec; Old Deaconians 160—9. *Haileybury 146; Tonbridge 147—3. King Edward's, Bury St Edmunds 109—8 dec; *Newport (Essex) 112—3. Lancing OB 97 (K Rhodes 7—55); *Lancing 98—4. *Leeds GS 234—7 dec (J K Bowman 102); Oakwood 37. St George's, Weybridge 185—9 dec. *Kingston GS 138—6; *Sir Roger Manwood's 59; Chatham House 60—1. Sussex Martlets 92; *Seaford 93—0. Wellington, Somerset 102 (N McShane 8—15); *Exeter 103—2. *Bishop Vesey's GS 176—7 dec; Queen Mary's, Walsall 93 (M Lirkorish 9—43). *Bradfield 208—7 dec (M Gent 111 no); Oxford University Authentics 141—7. Caterham 186; *Tiffin 189—2. Eastbourne 219—4 dec; *Brighton 173—3. *Epsom 249—7—dec & 174—2 dec (J Ansell 100); Old Epsomians 173 & 215—9. Eton Ramblers 206 & 197—7 dec; *Eton 183—4 dec & 183—8. Furzedown 61; *Latymer Upper 65—3. *Guildford RGS 161—6 dec; Portsmouth GS 79—3. Kimbolton 159; *Bishop's Stortford 141—1. King's Rochester 99; *Sevenoaks 100—2. *Malvern 131; Harrow 51—6. MCC 175—7 dec; *Uppingham 177—4. Oundle 159—8 dec; *Felsted 161—4. *St Paul's 129 (R Alikhan 6—56); KCS Wimbledon 133—4. Shrewsbury Saracens 177—8 dec; *Shrewsbury 179—3. Watford GS 153; *Hampton 154—2. William Hulme 105; *Merchant Taylors', Crosby 106—2.

Arnold 94; Blackpool 94; *Rossall 78—9. Bedford Modern 185—3 dec (A Jones 113 not out); *Perse 57—3 (rain). *Berkhamsted 182—4 dec; Magdalen College School 42—4 (rain). Downside 154—8 dec; *Blundell's 129—5. *Fettes 174—9; Edinburgh Academy 97—7. Free Foresters 250—6 dec; *Dulwich 238—7. *Hurstpierpoint 212; Old Boys 187. *King's, Canterbury 169—7 dec; Cranleigh 80—9. Liverpool 154—9 dec; *Wrekin 104—4. *Nottingham HS 164—3 dec; King Edward's, Retford 80. *Plymouth 174—5 dec; Truro 76. *Sherborne 209—5 dec (W J Ryden 100 not out); King's, Taunton 114. Wellington 182—8dec; *Marlborough 106—6. *Westminster 175—6 dec; Butterflies 174. *Whitgift 200—8 dec; St John's, Leatherhead 144—7.

Alleyn's 175, *Emanuel 103; Band of Brothers 193—6 dec; *Sutton Valence 169—9. *Cheltenham 203—4 dec; St Edward's, Oxford 130—6. *Chislehurst & Sidcup 140—7 dec; Chatham Technical 71—5. *Clifton 201—5 dec (J S Brooks 102 not out); Old Cliftonians 200—9 (A S Dixon 121 not out). Headmaster's XI 200; *Ardingly 204—7 (S. Clarke 103). Ipswich 235—6 dec; *Gresham's 45—1. I Zingari 187—8 dec; *Charterhouse 188—6. Norton Knatchbull 130—8 dec; *Rochester Maths 59. Old Doverians 89; *Dover 94—3. Queen's, Taunton 200—5 dec; *Monmouth 131—5. *Trinity, Croydon 181; Reed's 124—7.

*Bablake 185—3 dec; King's, Worcester 69—6. Burnley GS 81; *Hipperholme GS 82—4. *Colston's 175—6 dec (W Smith 103 not out); Bristol GS 126—1. Forest 127; *Colchester RGS 94—7. *Guildford RGS 151—6 dec; Portsmouth GS 79—3. Langley Park 107; *Skinner's 79—8. Millfield 173—7 dec; *Taunton 115—3. *Mill Hill 235—3 dec; The Leys 103—8. Mount St Mary's 128—9 dec; *Trent 130—8. *Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 161—9 dec (N Churchman 9—36); Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 156—7. *Rugby 122—6 dec; Butterflies 123—3. St Benedict's, Ealing 74; *High Wycombe RGS 75—1. Watford GS 155—9 dec; *Hampton 154—3. *Wilson's 167—5 dec; Ravensbourne 71. *Wolverstone Hall 197—3 dec (C C Offiah 100 not out); Northgate, Ipswich 91.

*Bromsgrove 74; Bloxham 75—3. *Chigwell 145—6 dec; St Edmund's, Ware 128—3. Dartford GS 131; *Eltham College 124-4. Hardye's 150—5 dec; *Claremore 100. Reading 172—6 dec; *Lord Wandsworth 109—8. Reigate CS 155—7 dec; *Purley 71—8. *Silcoates 136; Ratcliffe 137—1. Staffordshire Gentlemen 194; *Pocklington 195—6. *Worksop 124; Repton 124—7.
* Home side

Bowls

First wood is decisive for Mo eley

By Gordon Allan

Bill Moseley, of South Africa, won the Kodak masters bowls tournament for the second consecutive year when he beat David McGill, of Scotland, 21—14 in a rain-blemished final at Beach House Park, Worthing, yesterday. McGill was also runner-up last year.

McGill took a three at the first end, but Moseley answered with a four at the second, and his sway over the match from then on was undoubted. He led 15—4 before McGill struck a length (something the Scot had little difficulty in doing in earlier games) and made the score 16—11. Moseley generally made sure his first wood counted, McGill did not, and that was decisive.

In the semi-final round, Moseley beat Doug Watson 21—13 and McGill, for the second year running, beat David Bryant, this time by 21—16. Moseley bowled a better length and it is consistency of that kind that wins matches. Twice he lay four shots. The first time Watson fired the jack into the ditch to gain two. The second time, two ends later, Moseley held on to his four, which made the score 16—9.

McGill took two hours and 10 minutes to beat Bryant. It was a match for the purist, with the draw shot predominant. McGill likes short jacks and found an immaculate length for them. He also used the forcing bowl to profitable effect. Bryant had to retrieve too often for his own good. He hauled himself up from 13—8 to 15—15 but could do little more.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Semi-final round: Moseley beat Watson 21—13; McGill beat Bryant 21—16. Final: Moseley beat McGill 21—14. Third place final: Bryant beat Watson 21—15.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Section A: K Williams (Australia) beat G Evans (Wales) 21—12; W Moseley (SA) beat D McGill (Scotland) 21—16. Section B: D Bryant (England) beat P Belliss (NZ) 21—14; D Watson (SA) beat J Rogan (Ireland) 21—11; Belliss beat Rogan 21—13; Bryant beat

Blood sport

Indonesian sports leaders have come up with an unexpected culprit to blame for their women badminton team's 3—6 loss to the Japanese in the finals of the Uber Cup last month. They claim a hameoglobin deficiency in the blood, caused the Indonesian players a loss of stamina.—Agence France-Presse.

The two seconds that changed my life with Ronnie, by Mrs Nancy Reagan

In her first major interview since the attempt on the President's life, America's First Lady talks candidly about life in the White House now, her treatment by the Press, women in government and the assassination attempt.



Mrs Reagan: "The No 1 duty is my husband. After that, my concern is the White House. . ."

Question. Mrs Reagan, the President has been quoted as saying that since the attempt on his life, he has come to feel that what time he has left "belongs to the Lord". How has the attack affected your own philosophy or goals?

Answer. The statement you quoted was made to Cardinal Cooke of New York, who came to see us on Good Friday, and Ronnie hadn't been home from the hospital very long. Cardinal Cooke said: "God was really sitting on your shoulder that day." And Ronnie said: "Yes, he was. I've done a lot of thinking about that, and I've come to a decision."

And Cardinal Cooke said: "What is that?" and Ronnie said: "I've decided that whatever days are left to me, they're his."

Q. It's obvious that this deeply touched you also.

A. Yes, your priorities are quickly rearranged, and you realize, more than ever, that your whole life can change in two seconds, which was the amount of time the attack took.

Q. Have you talked to the President about how much mingling with the public he should do—or not do—in the future?

A. No. It is his decision. I'm sure he'll continue to go out in public. But there probably will be more precautions taken. For instance, his schedule will not be published in advance—publishing that kind of information was just asking for something to happen.

Q. Should he always wear a protective vest, as he did when he visited the University of Notre Dame recently?

A. Well, that's up to the security people.

Q. Has the attack affected your attitude towards gun control in any way? The president's opposition remains quite clear.

A. I agree with him. The man was breaking the law to begin with, and I don't see how putting one law on top of another law on top of another law is going to do anything. It seems to me that we should strongly enforce the laws we have, which I don't think we're doing.

Q. How will the President's injury affect the President's workload?

A. Ronnie is easing back into it. But in the future he'll be doing as much as he has always done. Of course, all wives feel that their husbands are overworked.

Q. Do your and your husband discuss policy questions?

A. Sometimes we do, sometimes not. If he comes home and he's tired and doesn't want to discuss issues or politics, we don't. Sometimes he does want to talk. We discuss politics an awful lot. And I'm sure I have some influence over him. You can't be married 29 years and not have influence over each other. But so far as making policy decisions, no, I do not.

Q. Do you disagree much?

A. No, we may disagree on how to approach a problem, but we really don't disagree on the fundamental issues.

Q. It has been reported that you occasionally have been involved in your husband's decisions on personnel matters, is that true?

> When the President chooses staff: 'I give my opinion . . . sometimes I think I'm more attuned to who might be good or loyal'

A. No. I certainly don't tell him whom to hire or whom not to hire. He might ask my opinion of somebody, and I give it. Maybe it's female intuition or something, but sometimes I think maybe I'm a bit more attuned to who might be good or loyal or whatever.

Q. Mrs Reagan, some of your friends have criticized the press because they felt the press has been unfair to you from time to time. What is your own feeling about the coverage you have received as First Lady?

A. I think it has been a process of getting to know each other. What bothers me is when real inaccuracies are published that nobody has ever asked about to check the facts. Once it's printed, then it just keeps being repeated and repeated and repeated and becomes "fact".

Q. Could you give us an example or two or an inaccuracy that has been repeatedly circulated?

A. Yes. I never asked the Carters to move out of the White House. I never wanted a wall torn down in the Lincoln Room—that kind of thing.

Q. You have been described as particularly sensitive to criticism of your husband. Are you less so now that he and you have been in political life for some time?

A. I don't think you ever really become used to it. I guess you become less surprised by it. Maybe that's a better way to put it. I'm not as surprised as I was. But that doesn't mean that it doesn't hurt.

Q. Women's groups have claimed that the Administration is not appointing enough women to important jobs. Are you satisfied with progress on this?

A. I thought you might ask that, so I have the figures right here. The President has appointed 21 women to major posts, there are four more undergoing clearances and 13 more under active consideration. You pick people for a job according to their qualifications. No matter what their sex, it is how well they can do the job. And I think that's what women want. They just want to have an equal shot at it.

Q. Aren't there many well-qualified women?

A. Oh, of course there are. Somebody said to me once in Sacramento: "Why were there not more women in the legislature in Sacramento?" Well, if they don't run they can't be there. You can't have any control over that; that's up to the people.

Q. You don't feel, that it is incumbent upon business or government to make an extra effort to find women to work with them?

A. You can make an extra effort. But in the end, your decision should be based on who best can do the job. I support the search for women of quality in government. I just think that the final criterion should be: whoever can do the job best should get the job.

Q. One of the things you've expressed an interest in doing as First Lady is to help call attention to the problem of drug and alcohol abuse among youth. Just how do you intend to do this?

A. I feel very, very strongly about this and had a meeting this morning about it. I've met with people from many fields. I want to get everybody's advice before I decide what I will do. Parents must become more involved than they have been, must be willing to give the time to it, know where their children are and whom their children are seeing, and be aware of changes in their children.

Q. You have voiced a lot of concern about the weakening of the family in the United States. What can be done to strengthen it?

A. Somehow, we've all grown very independent and apart from each other, and there isn't the same closeness there used to be, the family is the backbone of our country. Once you start to weaken that, you weaken the country. Your child is your responsibility. You can't turn that responsibility to the government, the police, the schools or anybody else. You've got to learn that it's nice to say "yes" but sometimes you have to say "no". There may be a period where you may lose your child, but the alternative is more frightening.

Q. Each First Lady has had her own approach to her duties. What do you see as your role?

A. The number one duty is my husband. After that, my concern is the White House itself, making it the people's house.

Q. Which of your official duties pleases you most?

A. I think being with people, welcoming them to the White House, making them feel that it is their house. And I'm also pleased by the realization that I'm in a position to be able, maybe, to help to promote some causes and programmes I feel strongly about.

Q. Is there anything that surprised you about the role of First Lady?

A. Just that I'm much busier than I thought I'd be. I didn't realize that it was as much of a job as it is. I don't think there is such a thing as an average day. I'm running all day long, and, suddenly, it's 11 o'clock at night and I don't know where the time has gone.

Q. With all the Secret Service agents and the other people who surround you in the White House, do you have a feeling of being cooped up?

A. I think all first families have felt that. That's why we like to go to Camp David, out in the country, which we like. We're used to a ranch.

Q. Is the redecoration of the White House family quarters turning out the way you expected?

A. It is turning out wonderfully. I got a lot of pieces out of storage that never should have been sitting in storage.

Q. Yet there has been criticism that you're adding to the luxury of the White House while the President is asking for a budget that will cut back on the poor.

> When my husband is criticized: 'I'm not as surprised as I used to be—but that doesn't mean it doesn't hurt'.

A. We are not doing anything for ourselves. They keep talking about our redecorating the private quarters. But the Yellow Oval Room, for instance, on the second floor, is where you take state visitors. The Queen's Bedroom is up there, the Lincoln Bedroom is up there; those are hardly private quarters.

The money for the project was sent in by private citizens who wanted to help the White House. It was all voluntary. They always talk about the big money sent in, but there were an awful lot of small contributions—two dollars, five dollars, ten dollars. I think those people should be given some credit.

Q. How much was collected?

A. We got about $800,000. And then we had to say 'that's all', because they were still sending in money. With that amount, we can do more than we planned. We can do the marble on the first floor, which badly needs work. Perhaps we can get some new china, which is sorely needed. None has been bought since the Johnson Administration.

Q. On a fashion note: you very often wear red clothes—in fact, a staff member of the White House guessed that you wear red as much as 75 per cent of the time. Is that colour your choice, or is it something your husband likes?

A. Mine.

Q. It's your favourite colour?

A. I love red.

Q. Can we assume that the President also likes the colour?

A. Well, I certainly hope he does. We're all in big trouble if he doesn't.

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New York: a severe case of burnout

City executives struggling to stay at the top are falling victim to a new affliction. Michael Leapman explains

Do you arrive at the office ever late in the mornings and leave on the dot of going-home time? Alternatively, do you spent longer and longer at work and got less and less done?

Does going into the office make you feel ill? Do your hands get clammy? Do you expect your spouse to have a drink ready when you get home and become testy with him or her if it is not?

If all or some of those apply, you may be a pioneer British victim of burnout, America's most fashionable ailment. And if you are not sure whether you do fit the description that is an equally bad sign, for indecision is another symptom.

Between a third and a half of the executives in the United States are burned out, according to Dr Sidney Lecker of Stress Control, a New York-based organization specializing in preventing and alleviating the condition. They are felled most of them, by the pitiless pace of American commerce.

Burnout as a physical condition is so new that it does not even appear in the Oxford American dictionary, published last year. Yet it is overwhelming America's decision-making classes to the extent that it is hard to pick up a copy of a magazine that does not contain an article warning us that we are all about to suffer from it, if we do not already.

It afflicts people in positions of responsibility, especially women who have to manage a house as well as a job. It is thus often known as executive burnout. Teacher burnout is a common variation.

How else do you know if you have it? With trepidation, I put the question to Dr Lecker.

"Generally a person develops almost a mental allergy to work", he replied. "They just don't feel like going into the office any more. They lose all interest. Work becomes repulsive and sometimes they develop physical tymptoms.

"At that stage it's almost too late to do anything about it. That burnout. That's almost the point of no return."

Luckily there are early symptoms which warn the knowing, giving them a chance to take evasive action.

"It might start with a general sense of discomfort", Dr Lecker said. "You feel tired of going to the office and you lose enthusiasm. You get feelings of anxiety and dread. You might feel gastro-intestinal symptoms, what we call the irritable bowel syndrome. You urinate more frequently."

Any physical condition which has no organic explanation is probably a sign of burnout, he added. It could be palpitations, shortness of breath, cold and clammy hands or skin rashes.

"I had a marketing director in here this morning", he went on. "Female. She had a very dry skin, dermatitis. It was conspicuously a burnout symptom.

"She had marital problems. She'd just taken a new job with increased responsibilities and an increased work load. There were very few satisfactions all round.

"She had trouble coping. She had mild depression—she wasn't happy and had no enthusiasm for anything. She became tearful and didn't know why. She was very tense and overwrought."

Dr Lecker's technique involves training such patients to relax physically, using a biofeedback machine which tells them, with bleeps and visual signals, just how relaxed they are becoming.

"She doesn't allocate her human energy very well", he said. "We have to teach her to conserve energy so that she has enough to go around."

A male chief executive was another recent visitor to Dr Lecker's cosy consulting room on the fashionable Upper East Side of New York. "I plain and simply can't stand it", he told him.

"I can't be in my office or speak to a client. I cancel appointments. I avoid responsibilities. I can't run the company any more."

Often, Dr Lecker says, actions taken to try and arrest the ailment simply make it worse. Colleagues tell sufferers to take a couple of weeks off, to go away on holiday. When they return the symptoms have intensified.

"It's the accumulation of stress over a long period of time", he said. "They just can't stand the idea of going back after their break."

Spending more time in the office signifies an attempt by the victim to cure himself, the "workaholic solution". It does no good because he finds he is achieving less, and the condition worsens.

Dr Lecker recommends radical solutions, even a complete change of job. Short of that, sufferers should "redesign not just the job but the whole lifestyle". He asks them to change the way they pace themselves, to alter their responsibilities, to change the way they delegate functions.

He spends much time advising officials from top companies how to structure their operation to minimize stress on their executives and workers.

"People should treat themselves like valuable technology", he said. "These companies would never buy a million-dollar computer without a service contract for preventive maintenance.

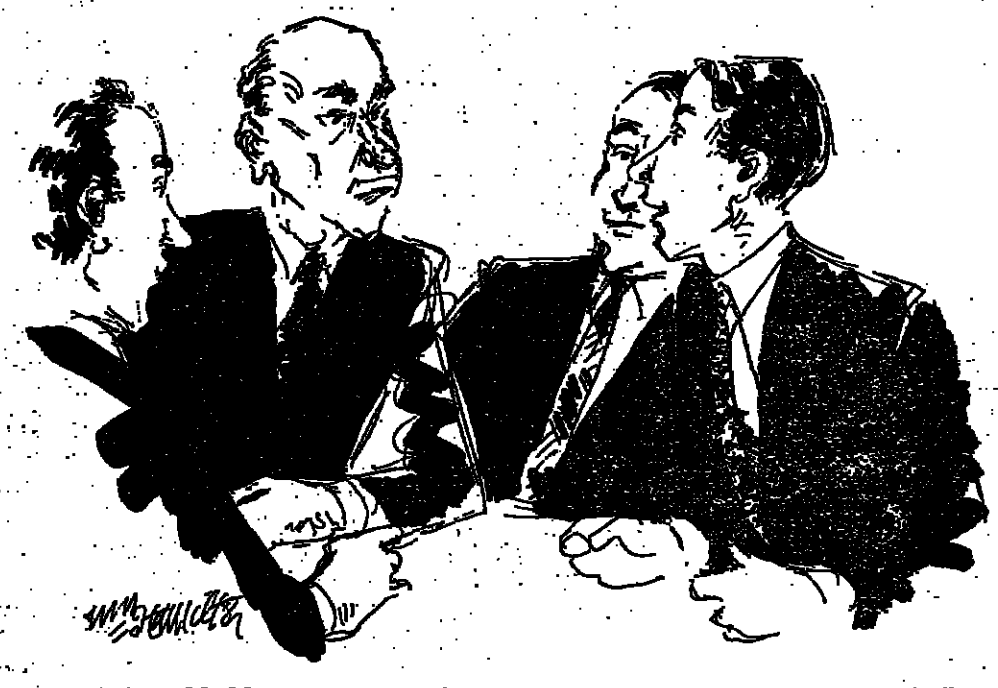
"Yet we have people, who are more valuable than computers, and we don't do anything other than an annual medical examination, and that's not enough to prevent burnout."

So what do we do to be saved? "Don't jump out of the starting blocks like a sprinters", says Dr Lecker. "Wake up an hour early and do some exercises. Have a nice leisurely breakfast. Don't leave the house so late you have to sprint for the train.

"Wind up slowly, instead of being launched like a rocket. And instead of a business lunch, take a walk for an hour, or at least 15 minutes."

And what happens to those who are already burned out? "They leave their jobs, in terrible shape. I know a couple of former senior executives who are working as apartment superintendents. Some become alcoholics. Some have heart attacks."

Walkies, anyone?



"How would this company run, Mr Taylor, without you as our fossil fuel?"

Weekend concerts in London

Rare Handel without a single false note

Deborah

Queen Elizabeth Hall

The tale of Deborah, Jael and Sisera is not among the more attractive in the Bible. But stories like this (Judith and Holophernes, for example) seem to have appealed to the eighteenth century. Handel's setting of 1733 was reasonably successful in his day, more than, say, *Saul* or *Belshazzar*; nowadays it is an extreme rarity — only one performance, and that private, is recorded in London this century.

It deserves better. Dismissed in the standard work on Handel's dramatic oratorios as a failure, it turns out to be, if that, certainly a glorious one. It is easy to complain that around two-thirds of it is adapted from earlier music; but it is critically naive to suppose that a piece written for one context may not serve another equally aptly. At its crudest, one Alleluia may permissibly be like another, and so may a D major trumpets-and-drums chorus of thanks to God. Going further, so may a chorus of mourning or an aria of derision. Musical expression, anyway, is unspecific. At any rate, nothing in *Deborah* strikes a false note, and the inclusion of *fine pieces (some substantially altered)* from such sources as the Chandos anthems and the Brockes Passion by no means lessens the work. Indeed its noblest scene, a conflict between the Canaanite priests, who apply unsuccessfully for Baal, and those of the Israelites, who call on Jehovah, is largely derived from other works: as usual the pagans have hedonistic, dancing music, the Israelites solemn, minor-key counterpoint and block chordal writing. The characterization of nations is more interesting here than that of individuals.

In one of his own performances, Handel used almost a hundred musicians, of whom only 25 were singers. (A contemporary called it "excessive noisy".) On Saturday there were some 50 singers and 20 players. They used modern instruments (and modern voices), but there is food for thought here. To modern ears, the balance was not unsatisfactory, and the large chorus seemed about right with so much music in eight parts. And it was excellently sung under the capable Ian Watson by the Collegium Musicum of London, whose decisive, confident attack and clear lines ensured reasonable audibility of the counterpoint.

Wendy Eathorne in the title role had the biggest share of the solo music, and sang it brightly and pointedly, if rather intensely and with more vibrato than is compatible with stylishness. Christopher Robson, not always ideally even, produced commanding countertenor singing in his display aria. Christopher Gillett's neat tenor served efficiently, not imaginatively, for Sisera, likewise John Hancorn's firm, clear bass for Abinoam; Philippa Dames-Longworth sang, with warmth, such of Jael's music as was not cut.

Stanley Sadie

Gustav Leonhardt

Christ Church, Spitalfields

Looking for all the world like a demure family solicitor, Gustav Leonhardt, making a rare appearance in this country, proved exactly why he is held in such esteem in his impressive recital of harpsichord music by J. S. Bach on Friday, the penultimate evening of the Spitalfields Festival. Historical correctness may be the springboard for his technical approach, yet here the musical results were anything but academic.

With the "Capriccio on the Departure of a Beloved Brother", written when the composer was only 19, Mr Leonhardt, *revelling in the delightfully* described poignancy of a youth's sadness, instantly established his instinctive musicianship, holding back this small feature and urging that one on, so that everything possible was wrenched from each appoggiatura, each harmonic profundity. His deliberately emotive spreading of the chords in the Sarabands of the C minor French Suite and the F major English Suite, complementing his crisp playing of the rich two-part counterpoint in the faster dances, allowed Bach's sonorous textures *to fill Christ* Church's vast spaces, soaring *unimpeded* above its elegant, lofty columns.

More apposite still to our surroundings, perhaps, was the Fantasia and Fugue in A minor, BWV 904, in whose double fugue, as in the magnificent edifice of the F sharp minor triple fugue from Book II of *The Well-tempered Clavier*, Mr Leonhardt, with the help of superb articulation, made the *occurrence of each idea* marvellously clear, even at the climactic combination of all three themes in the latter. Such control over the notes permeated the sublimity of the E major Prelude from the same volume, made to sound as if Mr Leonhardt's beautiful instrument possessed the sustaining power of a piano. The strictly constructed companion Fugue was given a performance of spontaneous nobility.

There had to be an encore, and in fact we got two. Both the *Saraband from the A minor* English Suite, in Bach's own ravishingly ornamented version, and the slow central song of the Italian Concerto, itself a lovingly elaborated melody, emphasized what we already knew: that here we had a player who, discarding exhibitionism, was sharing an experience which emanated from deep within him.

Stephen Pettitt

Thames CO/Tear

Queen Elizabeth Hall

The combination of Mozart and Salieri, so intriguing to Pushkin and Shaffer, not to say Rimsky-Korsakov, exercised its fascination on Robert Tear on rather a different plane for the concert he conducted on Friday evening. On the strength of these undemandingly pleasant pieces no one would suspect Salieri of harbouring an ounce of venom.

A symphony in D typified the insouciant brilliance of Italian orchestral writing, with its lively figuration and its slender textures. Mr Tear directed its witty first movement sprucely, stressing as well *he might* the operatic propensities of its violin lines. But he dawdled over the Andantino, almost as if the music had something serious to say.

Then there was a concerto for flute and oboe, much of it too inclined to sound like the orchestrated C major scale practice, but very neatly put together and showing something of Salieri's sweet tooth in the *chromaticisms of its slow* movement. And the perky rondo theme is entrancing, at least the first five times round. Richard Dobson and Michael Dobson elaborated it tastefully and ingeniously and altogether showed the proper deft virtuosity that the piece calls for.

It was *quite an evening* for wind players. Michael Dobson was the leading soloist of the quartet *in that curious sinfonia* concertante that is sometimes reckoned to be Mozart's, or partly his. It must have taken *him several off-days to compose* such a piece. Mr Tear treated it pretty seriously, and might in fact have been more persuasive of its merits had he taken it more lightly, with a livelier first-movement tempo and pointed attack. The soloists proved duly dependable; Daphne Down's clarinet phrasing especially had some happy touches. But nothing can quite disguise the banalities.

Mr Tear's only real test then came in Mozart's Linz Symphony. This work shows the haste of its composition in its *plethora of distinctive ideas*, over whose individuality Mr Tear seemed to take too little concern. It was blandly cheerful but not much more than that, its rich melodic line undercharacterized, its sturdiness swamped by surface high spirits, its crucial moments allowed to slip by unremarked — at least until the Finale, which was altogether more alive and aware.

Stanley Sadie

Ornette Coleman

Apollo Victoria

Great musicians sometimes make the greatest demands on their listeners; a major shift in direction risks the loss of an entire audience. In choosing to place his improvising in the context of a heavily amplified rhythm section, Ornette Coleman is by no means as brazen as was Miles Davis a dozen years ago in the search for a new and younger listenership, *but one* imagines that few admirers of his earlier style have made the change with him.

The band which Coleman *brought to* London last week is called Prime Time, and includes two guitarists (Charlie Ellerbee and Bern Nix), two electric *bassists (Jamaaladeen* Tacuma and Albert McDowell) and two drummers (Denardo Coleman and Dennis Alston). To put it crudely, the sound *they make* is somewhere between those of Davis's last ensemble, the one with several guitarists, and Captain Beefheart's *Magic* Band. On the one hand there is a veritable forest of distorted electronic effects; on the other there is a reliance on *high-stepping* rhythms which, in their four-square urgency, seem to constitute a kind of anti-funk.

Coleman began the concert with a clever touch: after an angular unison theme, he allowed several of the musicians to perform unaccompanied solos, enabling us to familiarize ourselves with the *styles of the* individuals.

It also presented us with a staggering bass guitar solo from *McDowell, who mixed blinding* runs with slaps and delicate harmonics held over contrasting low-register patterns. Tacuma, *in his turn, displayed a* gentler style, but there was no less intensity as he damped down in the blink of an eye from agitated *figures to a* curving pastoral flow.

The guitarists and bassists were less individually impressive; *their* main *contributions* came in the boiling ensembles which engulfed Coleman's alto saxophone. This de-emphasis of the individual voice is certainly an intentional effect, freeing the music from the systems of response and from the notions of beauty associated with the European tradition. Close attention to his phrases, however, revealed that this environment encourages Coleman to work again and again through the stock he invented in his youth; the *stimuli*, of course, are different now, and so are the aims.

Richard Williams

■ The British première production of Pfitzner's *Palestrina* will be given by Abbey Opera at the Collegiate Theatre, London, from June 10 to 13.

■ The Virsky Ukrainian State Folk Dance Company, comprising 80 dancers and musicians, will appear at the Festival Hall from July 17 to 23.



George Balanchine (left) welcomes the Governor of New York and his wife, Hugh and Evangeline Carey, to the City Ballet's gala opening

From Tchaikovsky with love

Only New York City Ballet would open a ballet festival with a mini-concert, but then City Ballet is divinely perverse, reports **Clive Barnes** from New York: It is one of the most wondrous aspects of its image . . .

The gala opening of New York City Ballet's Festival at the State Theatre began with a deliciously dry and urbane speech by its music director, Robert Irving. Then the curtain rose and the stage was full of the orchestra rather than the dancers. One idly wondered whether the dancers were in the pit. Irving led his orchestra into the *Romeo and Juliet* fantasy-overture then a couple of singers, the soprano Karen Hunt and the tenor Howard Hensel, sang arias from the operas *The Queen of Spades* and *Eugene Onegin*, which were totally irrelevant and not even particularly well sung.

There was, however, a kind of method in this madness. The singers combined in a rare duet from the forgotten Tchaikovsky opera *Undine*. Suddenly we realized, and those of us with some musicological memories of the past recalled, that we were basically listening to one of *the most famous of all* Tchaikovsky dances — the pas de deux from the second act of *Swan Lake*. Tchaikovsky never wasted a *good tune*.

If there is a lesson to be learnt there, George Balanchine, City Ballet's master builder, has learnt it. He wastes nothing, and tries to remember everything. In 1933 he created a ballet called *Mozartiana* for Tamara Toumanova. It had glorious white and plumed costumes by Christian Berard — which were later thriftily used for Balanchine's *Caracole*, but that is another story — and it remained in repertories for some years. And then Balanchine forgot it, so it died.

Now using the same music, Suite No 4, op 61, Balanchine has adapted his memories to current *contingencies and* recreated it, with black costumes, this time by Rouben Ter-Arutunian. I never saw the original, but this, I understand, must be a fundamentally new work inspired by past memories. The choreography is very sharply accented, and baroque in feeling. It conveys a fine sense of eighteenth century rococo style modernized through a later perspective — *which is exactly what* Tchaikovsky intended. The leading dancers, Suzanne Farrell, Ib Andersen and Christopher d'Amboise, caught the old accents and the sense of time past in time present, and the ballet, while no masterpiece, went very well.

What just might be a masterpiece is Jerome Robbins's classic *Pas de deux* to the second movement of the first piano concerto. This is Tchaikovsky — and Robbins — the romantic, and it moves with a heavenly grace. It is also Robbins at *his* most Balanchinian — there are even sly quotations from Balanchine's ballet *La sonnambula* — but as danced by the very young Darci Kistler and City Ballet's latest great Dane, Ib Andersen, it strolled in beauty, and wore love with a difference.

One wonders how many people in this gala audience were aware that Peter Martins's *Capriccio Italien* was not being danced by the company at all, but by students from the company's academy, the School of American Ballet. This, which was seen as a student performance last month, is so far Martins's most mature choreographic work. It takes both the Russian and the Italian aspects of the score and blends them *into a choreographic melange of* two Frenchmen, with hints of Petipa's *Raymonda* and Bournonville's *Napoli*. The sequential sense of choreography here is fascinating, and the student dancers, led by Lisa Jackson, Afshin Mofid and Gen Horiuchi, proved adorable. This opening gala ended with the finale of the "Diamonds" section from Balanchine's old ballet *Jewels*. Led by Farrell and Martins, the company danced it with love and pride.

Brouillards/ Checkmate

Covent Garden

John Cranko's *Brouillards* is composed in an unusual and attractive form which he used at intervals *all* through *his* career: a series of brief sketches, related by the choice of music but each entirely self-*contained*. In *Bruillards* the starting point is a selection of Debussy's piano preludes, mostly from the 1913 volume of *Douze Préludes*.

There is no scenery and, except for one dance, the cast are all dressed simply in white tights. So the music and Gerd Fiderer's lighting are the only help the choreography has in suggesting situation, character or mood (or a combination of them) swiftly in the course of each short dance.

The virtue of the work, as Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's revival showed on Friday, is that Cranko managed to imply so much *in a brief space*. The terse programme note, which was all he would allow, suggests "memories of transient beauty" as the common factor. That is obviously true of many episodes: the two contrasted duets, for instance, called "Voiles" and "Feuilles mortes". It applies equally to the domestic tragedy underlying "Des pas sur la neige" and the evocation, comic and sad, of love's young hopes in "Bruyères".

Surprisingly, I think you could argue that it even fits the comic episodes. David Bintley, in the best individual performance of the whole cast, catches the hints of imperial *splendour* overthrown which are scattered through "Hommmage à S. Pickwick Esq."; and surely the *cramps* that cut down one by one the three men, vying in eccentric bravado in the cake-walk, are an image of death ending even the most absurd human endeavour?

Yet meaning is not the prime consideration. It is enough just *to enjoy* the dances for their own sake, a delicate but never feeble sequence as quietly evocative, touching and satisfying as the music.

In that, *Brouillards* is just the opposite to *Checkmate*, where Ninette de Valois's choreography and Arthur Bliss's music are always concerned primarily with the drama. Siobhan Stanley, in her debut as the Black Queen, caught well the casually insolent way in which she uses sex as a trap for the Red Knight, danced with buoyant eagerness by Carl Myers.

As her chief victim, the Red King, Bintley seems to be trying a completely different approach from Robert Helpmann's, suggesting the tragedy by inner stillness. His portrait of a grizzled old soldier-king has a sad, strange dignity, needing only stronger projection.

John Percival

Books

Naked at the Feast

The Biography of Josephine Baker

By Lynn Haney

(Robson, £7.50)

The name Josephine Baker was familiar to me, but I couldn't have named one fact about her, except perhaps that she was black. *Naked at the Feast* is the latest biography of her, and it reveals a world of astonishing facts, and even more astonishing paradoxes.

Let's face it, not many people have received the Legion of Honour and French Resistance (with Rosette) plus personal congratulations from de Gaulle, and also been fervent supporters of Mussolini and Perón. Few illiterates have counted *Cocteau*, *Le Corbusier*, and Simenon among their lovers, though to be fair to her, no one was counting. Simenon even became her secretary for a while. Josephine was many things, and possibly all things to all men, but she was no intellectual. She couldn't speak *any* language properly.

She was born dirt-poor in St Louis in 1906, and sent out to work when she was eight years old. This meant sexual degradation and physical cruelty. She slept in the cellar, sharing a large box with a dog. "He was a good dog, and I gave him half my food."

Compassion for poor people, children and animals became a life-long theme, as did some of Josephine's wilder fantasies. The legendary East St Louis race riots of 1917, worse than anything in the 1960s or 1970s, convinced the 11-year old girl she was a sort of black Joan of Arc. In later life she thought of herself as a member of the Holy Family, the Black Madonna or even the child of God and the Virgin. Her mission to free the oppressed, and her truly amazing courage, never failed her, from Resistance days to the 1950s, when she campaigned across American ten years before the civil rights movement. But this is getting ahead of the story.

Josephine left America at the age of 19, steaming for Paris as a member of a black dancing troupe. With splendid paradox she says: "When the Statue of Liberty disappeared over the horizon, I knew I was free." The ship duly arrived in France, and Josephine certainly behaved freely enough, moving in with her first Parisian lover on day one. He described her as "part kangaroo, part prize-fighter".

Within one year this uneducated, untrained, unsophisticated teenager was the highest paid entertainer in Europe. She became the embodiment of *style, fashion, and glamour, and* the toast of Paris for 50 years. Her funeral at the Madeleine just six years ago was a national event, complete *with Mozart's* Requiem and a very rare 21-gun salute. *"Elle est morte; elle est immortelle"*, came a voice from the crowd.



Josephine Baker, "a true body narcissist"

Embodiment is the word, all right. Josephine was not especially pretty or talented, though she brought new energy to dance and late in life became a great French singer. But her body stunned all who saw it, and she was a true body narcissist. Here too are strange paradoxes: sex was everything to her (well, quite a lot, anyway), but her nude dancing in Paris turned her into a feminist idol (yes, feminist), and the mid-1920s' Berliners admired her body for its androgynous quality.

If she used her body and her *sex*, *that* in no way diminshes the value of her freedom-fighting, her charitable efforts, her children's projects (including her own huge, adopted, multi-racial family), or her unshaken belief that the whole human race is one family. That rarest of qualities, integrity, permeated her life and protected her from envy. Josephine may not have been very deep, but *she* was very human and very alive, and everyone loved her, from the most soignés *haut mondaines* to the porters in Les Halles.

John Graham

Theatre

Shaw's best revealed by scrupulous casting

The Doctor's Dilemma

Greenwich

Of all the alternative descriptions of this wonderful play, the least appropriate is that of a satire on the medical profession. By dint of repetition, everybody remembers the quackery about stimulating the phagocytes and cutting out the nuciform sac. But unless the action hinged on a genuine cure, discovered by a doctor in his own way the equal of the tubercular artist, there would be no play.

Shaw himself described *The Doctor's Dilemma* as a tragedy: but, in spite of its tragic structure and the finest death scene he ever wrote, there is no character with any claim to the role of tragic hero. "The most tragic thing in the world is a man of genius who is not also a man of honour", says Ridgeon over the corpse of Dubedat. But the same lines apply equally to him. He is not an impartial judge weighing two men in the balance and deciding in favour of the meritoriously humdrum Blenkinsop rather than the brilliant artistic rogue. He is himself an interested party: and in the *last* act he confesses to having let Dubedat die for entirely self-interested motives. The play is dominated by these two flawed and exceptional men, and they are the best it has to offer.

Alan Strachan's production gives the most faithful account I have yet seen of the play's complexities: and, typically for this director, it does so largely through scrupulous casting. Ridgeon is not the usual Harley Street charmer, sex appeal enhanced by his silver lights. William Lucas plays him as a cold, vain medical virtuoso who has just scored his greatest professional success and decided — too late — that it is time to start living. His courtship of Jennifer Dubedat is as unsuitable as that of Angelo and Isabella in *Measure for Measure*.

Leigh Lawson's Dubedat is equally unsparing. His boyish charm is always outbalanced by monstrous egoism and lies, and his biggest moment comes not in the death scene but in his outraged return to middle-class morality when somebody else succeeds in cheating him out of £12.

Least appealing of all is Maria Aitken's Jennifer whose firmness of purpose is presented in a *consistently* negative light: setting out to seduce Ridgeon into taking on the case, managing her untrustworthy spouse with a voice of steel, and finally taking on the dread character of the artist's widow, guarding his reputation against all expressions of the truth.

This mortally compromised triangle conduct their personal conflict with grace and eloquence, allowing the play to flow into *its wider ethical* arguments and glancing comedy. But everything is kept in beautiful proportion. The other doctors — particularly James Cossin's splutteringly sentimental BB and Wensley Pithey's impartially ancient Sir Patrick — seize their moments when the ball comes their way.

Irving Wardle

Theatre Royal

Birmingham Rep

Actors are the only minority group left which can be attacked at will. Attack a specific actor, and no other actor will come to his defence, as witness Peter O'Toole at the Old Vic. Attack the race, and at best there is a murmur of dissent. Such vulnerable whipping-boys make some brands of criticism a lot simpler, but because they can be treated as a race apart, like royalty and children, they have also made some varieties of playwriting a simpler art.

American dramatists and Noël Coward captured actors at their peak of glamour, with *boulevard dramas and comedies* about glamorous actors that required glamorous performers to play the parts. *Theatre Royal*, by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber, was a thinly disguised and hotly denied portrait of the Barrymore family, or rather, dynasty, which appeared *in* London in 1934. In those days, in a production by Coward, the players were such as Laurence Olivier and Madge Titheradge. Clive Perry offers Patrick Mower and Sheila Gish at the Birmingham Rep.

The story is a simple affirmation of the separateness and exclusiveness of the theatre world. Three and, for a brief while, four generations of the Cavendish family exult in theatricality, notoriety and public acclaim. Anthony, in *swashbuckling flight from* scandals in Hollywood, swoops into the family home where the matriarch, Fanny, is planning a return to the stage, where his sister, Julie, the reigning Broadway star, is planning a retreat to normality and where Julie's daughter *is* torn between acting and marriage to a mortal.

A touch too slow for the waspish humour of Kaufman and Ferber's lines, the playing also suffers from elegant groupings which do nothing to suggest the frenzy that should accompany the exits and entrances. *Mr Perry* has chosen clarity over comedy in many instances, and, while that may make the sentimental and effective ending *more* integral to the mood, it is at a sacrifice.

Mr Mower tries to offer frenzy as Anthony, but suffers from a hairstyle that leaves him completely outside the time of the action, being more suitable for a rock star. Even in swordfights he never quite bulckles his swash with conviction. Miss Gish, however, does something to suggest glamour, offering a tough and intelligent exterior that covers a ravenous appetite for success. Paul Imbusch as a producer, Lally Bowers as Fanny, and Isabelle *Lucas as the maid, all offer wit* and, when they offer it faster, the evening may present more delights.

Ned Chaillet

Bath Festival

Capricorn/Lontano

Guildhall/ Theatre Royal

Twentieth-century music again loomed large during the closing weekend of this year's Bath Festival. The promised new music-theatre piece by Nigel Osborne did not materialize, but he did provide a first performance with his Piano Sonata which Peter Hill played on Saturday afternoon during a programme given by the Capricorn group.

The sonata's three movements, *consistently* for Osborne, are based respectively on thoughts about nature, religion and politics, his major non-musical preoccupations, and all concern a dichotomy, the contrast essential in sonata-structure. Thus the central movement, called "Poem II" ("Poem I" occurs in an altogether different piece), concerns the penance of Mary Magdalene on the mountain of Ste Baume — a *subject* that Osborne also treated in a work for Jane Manning and Barry Guy, who performed it at Spitalfields last week.

The contrast here is between noisy growling in the bass, involving octaves and tremolos) already heard at the end of the first movement), with slow, blissful unaccompanied melody — agony and ecstacy indeed. There is the same contrast in *the finale, now hectic, bulldozing* trills in both hands, against melancholy, contemplative monody: the movement is called "Polonaise," *but it does not* attempt polacca metre, and we may assume that it concerns the present predicament of Poland *vis à vis* Russia.

The first movement," Homage to Bartok," opposes the simple folktune to the demands of sophisticated art-music, perhaps as a symbol of any natural living object in some way perverted for the practical needs of sophisticated mankind. The thematic working in Osborne's sonata is intense and dynamic, the design appreciable at once, the piano writing thoroughly idiomatic and poetic, by Debussy out of Liszt, as it were. Peter Hill found eloquent music in it all the time, and opportunity for virtuosity.

The recital by Capricorn also included Oliver Knussen's *Triptych*, which consists of a piano solo, "Sonya's Lullaby", ripely neo-romantic in colour and declamation, a violin sonata called "Autumnal", the violin writing potently lyrical, and an oboe quartet called "Cantata", because the oboe writing chiefly espouses melody. Christopher O'Neal winsomely played the oboist as singer, and Elisabeth Perry brought a fervent cantabile style to "Autumnal".

Friday's concert by Lontano replaced the Osborne theatre work by his earlier ensemble *piece*, *Mythologies*, *together* with the British premièr of Brian Fernyhough's "Unity Capsule" for flute solo, a most inventive piece which roves confidently outside normal flute territory, none of it daunting to Pierre-Yves Artaud who moved unflurried between five music desks. We also heard Roger Smalley's "Echo III" for solo trumpet echoed by tape-recording, so that the music worked *as a canon, the following* voices sometimes distorted by sound-manipulation.

The cause of music-theatre, *even without Osborne's new* piece, triumphed in a brilliant original account of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, presented virtually as a monodrama: Roderick White, a specialist in the one-man lecture-recital *à la* Charles Dickens, played Narrator, Soldier and Devil, each with identifiable voices, donnish, cockney, blasé effeminate. He had a dancing Princess in Kathy Lewis, who elsewhere acted as property mistress.

The solution powerfully recalled the wartime stringency which brought *The Soldier's Tale* into being, and *upheld the* virtuosity of the work. The score was *strongly* characterized by all the instruments involved, conducted with spirit by Odaline de la Martinez: not a refined account, but instinct with the robustness of a rustic tale.

William Mann



A friend we must not take for granted

by Edward Heath

Tomorrow King Khalid of Saudi Arabia arrives on his first state visit to Britain. His vital importance to the industrialized democracies is clear: as leader of the world's largest exporter of oil and the one nation in Opec with the capacity, although limited, to impose moderation on the pricing decisions of that cartel; as an ally against communism and hostile radicalism in the Gulf and beyond; and as a major partner in industrial trade and investment.

Yet it would be folly for the West to take Saudi friendship for granted. The willingness—and the flexibility—of her leadership to pursue policies favourable to Western interests depend largely on the degree to which we make it politically possible for her to do so. It is no use taking refuge in the belief that because such policies are often in the Saudi interest, they will be pursued irrespective of Western behaviour.

The winds of anti-Western feeling are blowing so strongly through the Gulf that any policy conspicuously favourable to the West, whether or not it serves Saudi interests, may be a potential liability for the Saudi royal family. Only if we are perceived to respect Saudi priorities and sensitivities will we loosen these constraints on its leaders.

Our relationship with Saudi Arabia cannot be developed by treating each area of mutual interest—such as oil, monetary affairs, or the defence of the Gulf—as if it could be pursued independently of the others. The basis of trust between leaders on which the relationship is built inevitably means that each side will expect the other to heed its interests, without a formal quid pro quo, in every major area of common concern.

We cannot ignore the suspicion of the West by much influential Saudi opinion. This means that Western disrespect in any one dimension can rapidly constrain the ability of her leaders to pursue favourable policies in another.

It is because of these sensitivities, and the political constraints which they impose on the Saudi leadership, that the style of Western policies towards the Kingdom is as important as their substance. Yet it is precisely on style that Western policy has often been weakest.

For example, the incessant questioning in public of the internal stability of Saudi Arabia and of the viability of the royal family can hardly be interpreted as a mark of confidence. Indeed, it is likely only to undermine the self-assurance which the leadership needs in the pursuance of pro-Western policies, and to embolden those domestic and regional critics who seek its demise.

It would make far more sense for the West to adopt a style of policy which avoided hastening the very instability of which it is afraid. This means, in particular, that it must not ask Saudi leaders to follow Western initiatives which, even if justified, are bound to be resented within their country and region. The Camp David peace process is one example of this.

It also means we should avoid policies which are humiliating to the Saudi leadership or which cause it to appear as a Western surrogate.

Whether the issue is Lebanon, security cooperation in the Gulf, oil or the Arab-Israeli dispute, we must avoid putting pressure on her publicly to declare her allegiance to our priorities; nor must we be exasperated if she does not take the lead in supporting our actions.

We must eschew policies or statements which are perceived to be disrespectful or condescending, such as proclaiming Saudi Arabia's allegiance to Arab unity as empty rhetoric or publicly predicting the imminent demise of her royal family. Above all we must accept the determination of King Khalid and his people to retain the Muslim way of life and to practise its precepts, no matter how much we and other Westerners may differ from them.



King Khalid: bound by constraints

This approach requires a degree of restraint which it is not easy for open societies or for popularly elected politicians to exercise. But it will remain a fundamental determinant of the success of the West in its evolving relationship with this vital partner.

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There are three main dimensions of the relationship: first, oil and the associated issue of recycling the surplus petro-dollars arising from high production; second, the provision of military assistance and the protection of Saudi Arabia by Western military power; and third, the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Saudi Arabia's oil policy is probably determined primarily by political considerations, not least of which are the reliability and effectiveness of the West in the other two areas of the relationship. Nevertheless, we have tended to rely too much on our policies in those areas to encourage favourable oil policies and to ensure Saudi willingness to recycle its surplus petro-dollars for the benefit of the world economy.

It is necessary, first of all, for the major oil importers to devise an efficient system of rules to restrain competitive bidding among themselves for freely traded supplies in times of temporary shortage. The fact that the Iranian revolution precipitated a price rise of 150 per cent, even though the rich world's imports of oil were at no point reduced by more than 4 per cent, is proof that consumer discipline is still grossly inadequate.

However, such a system of rules would not be a favour to Saudi Arabia; it would merely put her in a better position to argue for price moderation in Opec councils than at present, when every significant interruption in supply promises a consumer-led spiral in the market price for oil.

It is necessary for the West to concede to Saudi Arabia greater status of a substantive nature in the management of international economic problems. As well as recognizing her true importance to the world economy, this would also serve as an inducement to her to cooperate more closely with the West in recycling the huge financial surpluses generated by her current production of oil.

One way of achieving this would be to bring her decision-making powers in the international financial institutions more closely into line with her substantial contributions to them. Some method must be found of protecting Saudi oil revenues from inflation in order to give her continuing incentives for high levels of production.

The second theme central to the West's relationship with Saudi Arabia is military assistance. It is patently false to suggest that this is because she is hungry for arms for their own sake or because the West is driven solely by an inexorable greed for commercial gain. Military assistance is, in fact, politically vital to the relationship.

For the Saudis, in particular, it is a test of the West's commitment to their security, which they want but which must remain unspoken. Reliable military assistance in the sphere of advanced technology is an essential symbol of the respect and status which they expect the West to accord them.

The most difficult dimension of the relationship is the contribution of Western military power itself to the protection of Saudi Arabia. It is hard to think of another area of foreign policy today which is riddled with so painful a dilemma. On the one hand, the Western commitment and military capability must be fully known to be credible; on the other hand, this same conspicuousness could expose Saudi leaders to damaging criticism and even to violent opposition, both domestically and around the Gulf.

This is why the much heralded Rapid Deployment Force makes political sense, and why the idea of a large naval deployment, well away from the shores of the Gulf itself, is wise. Unfortunately, however, the constant expressions of iron will to use force in the defence of Western interests, and the ceaseless tub-thumping which has gone with them, have prejudiced their effectiveness by embarrassing local rulers and arousing the opposition of their populations.

Finally, there is the central position of the Arab-Israeli dispute in relations between Saudi Arabia and the West. No dimension of the relationship has been the subject of more polarized and irrational debate. To assert, as many do, that the Arab-Israeli dispute is purely a bogy which enables Saudi leaders to divert attention from internal problems and to exert leverage over gullible Western leaders is manifestly false.

In fact, allegiance to Palestinian rights has become an indispensable credential of every Arab leader: and developments in the Arab-Israeli peace process unleash political pressures which none of them can escape. For the Saudi leadership to identify itself with any Western policy which is perceived in the Arab world to endanger Palestinian rights could therefore deal a serious blow to its legitimacy.

That is why the ability of the West to ensure progress towards Palestinian self-determination, and so alleviate some of the pressures it continues to exert on Saudi leaders, is so basic to Western influence over them and over the region as a whole.



Montgomery with senior officers in the Western Desert in 1942

Monty: the toughest battle

by Field Marshal Lord Carver

When I became a major general in 1962 Basil Liddell Hart said to me that one could not become a major general and remain a human being.

I never accepted the truth of that statement, which was in any case made in jest. But, having read Nigel Hamilton's large volume *Monty. The Making of a General. 1887-1942* (Hamish Hamilton, £12),* I am inclined to think that perhaps Liddell Hart was right. The book, which takes one only up to the last stage of the Battle of El Alamein, raises two questions linked to Liddell Hart's thesis: the first, "Was Monty human?": the second, "Can a human being be a really effective general?".

Hamilton's book provides ample evidence for giving the answer "No" to both questions, but it also produces evidence to prove that, in spite of all the signs of inhumanity he displayed, Monty was at heart a very human being, although he made a considerable effort to conceal it. Almost all the documentation, filling page after page of the biography, goes to show that generals who behave like normal human beings are ineffective, if not, to employ Monty's favourite phrase "useless".

Monty's inhumanity was shown not just by his treatment of military subordinates, equals and superiors whom he described by that epithet—it included Gort, Alexander, Eisenhower, Auchinleck and countless others less well known—but almost all his relations, especially his mother, and, saddest of all to relate, at times his stepsons and his only child, David, about whom, after the tragic death of his wife, he was manically possessive.

His treatment of his most faithful and trusted adviser and chief of staff, Freddie de Guingand, over the Victory Parade, was one of the worst examples. He was almost insanely jealous. Nobody must share the credit and the glory. He and he alone had gained it, and, although the sun of his glory could shine downwards on those who had served under him, there must be no other source of light.

The rays must be reflected back on him. To those who held the mirror and showed their devotion a paternal affection would be shown, sometimes, in the case of the young, acting as a rival influence to that of the real parents. Nigel Hamilton, who himself was subject to this, makes no bones about the fact that the determining influence on Monty, both hereditary and environmental, was his mother, Maud, third daughter of Dean Farrar, author of *Eric or Little by Little*. From the Farrars came his iron will and clarity of mind.

His mother's failure to give him the warm love he longed for reinforced those qualities, and made him erect an almost impenetrable barrier to the normal direct human relationships which most men and women enjoy. I knew him fairly well and worked directly for him for nearly two years, but I only saw the mask drop twice, until he was very old and bed-ridden, by which time it had fallen away. When, then, I asked him how he spent his time, his reply was: "I'm just lying here waiting to die", and when I protested that he must think of other things, hoping to prompt him to talk about his battles, the sad rejoinder was: I think how horried my mother was to me." Like other human beings, he longed to be loved, but, in reaction to his mother's failure to return his proferred affection, he shut his up, fearing its exploitation by others, save for his brief spell of happy marriage.

Distasteful as his jealousy was, one has to admit that he was right in claiming a very large proportion of the credit for his victories for himself. He was not the type of general who depended on his superior, his staff or his subordinates to suggest to him what to do or how to do it. Indeed, if he did not like the orders he was given, he disregarded them. By his great flair for training he forged the weapon, and he made the plan of battle and directed its execution on his own initiative.

He gave firm and clear orders, and then left it to carefully chosen and trusted subordinates, most of whom he had trained, to fill in the detail; but in the execution of the battle he kept a firm control down to quite a low level, and allowed his subordinate commanders little freedom of action.

He hoped that the training which he had himself directed, as an instructor at the staff college and, after Dunkirk, as a divisional, corps and army commander, would ensure that the orchestra he conducted would play in tune. The Eighth Army, with the exception of the newly arrived 44th Division, which did not shine in the battle of El Alamein, came from a different orchestra and responded to his baton with varied tempo and some discordant notes.

Although the 9th Australian, 2nd New Zealand and 51st Highland Divisions had not formed part of his orchestra before, they played magnificently, and, with their fortissimo, drowned the clanking of Lumsden's armour, which Nigel Hamilton accuses of being completely out of tune and lagging behind the maestro's tempo.

Whether or not one accepts the claim that Monty made, and that Hamilton expounds at inordinate length, that Monty single handed converted the British army into an effective military machine, one cannot deny that he was far and away the most effective professional soldier we have produced this century.

If one accepts that he was a human being, then Liddell Hart's edict is not true; but the results Monty achieved could not have been produced by an officer who was concerned to behave as a gentleman. Perhaps that is why, when he was head of the army, the regular army cadet at Sandhurst was no longer styled, as he had been pre-war, a Gentleman Cadet, but as an Officer Cadet.

*Published today

Running as only Haughey can

When Charles Haughey talks nonsense, he knows it. He has the endearing air of a rogue, somebody who convinces you he has a card up his sleeve, even though he hasn't. It is an inimitable gift, and he uses it well.

His election campaign is a clever exercise in nuance and innuendo. The style is based on a wink and a nudge—trust old Charlie and he will sort out Mrs Thatcher and get Noerthern Ireland back where it belongs.

That is the principal message in the daily, weary grind of open-air election addresses and public hall meetings in the run-up to polling day on Thursday.

The occasions are heavy in tradition, the rebel music blasting from piles of audio equipment on the back of a tricoloured lorry: "Armoured cars and tanks and guns came to take away our sons. And every man must stand behind the men behind the wire...".

The scene is Tullamore, County Offaly, which is acutely aware of its past contributions to rebellion—"Your proud history" as Mr Haughey puts it, raising a spontaneous and enthusiastic stomping of the gumboots from the many farmers gathered in the central square.

The young people give a long cheer, and nobody need doubt their commitment to the cause. As the Prime Minister says: "Irish unity is in the political consciousness of every man and woman in the country".

About half the people of the Irish Republic are under 25. Looking around, one might wonder whether most of the country is three or under. Election rallies overflow with babies, children are about everyone's feet, conspicious and ubiquitous.

And no one tzkes a blind bit of notice, least of all the Taoiseach, who plods through his speeches with tepid enthusiasm waving and bowing like royalty.



Charles Haughey: moving from Brit-basher to a special relationship

"What we have started with the British Government," he intones, "is a process based on the unique relationship of these islands. I make no secret of our desire for unity with peace and justice."

And there is the innuendo, fat, obvious and baseless. Never mind, it raised a cheer. He could easily invite the thunderous applause by one sight against Britain, but time and again, at half a dozen rallies or more per day, he disappoints his expectant audiences by his temperate tones towards Mrs Thatcher.

Ireland is used to a good dose of Brit-bashing from Mr Haughey's party, Fianna Fail, at election times, but the Prime Minister makes it clear that he now has a special relationship with Britain.

The people seem to accept his implied message, however. Most seem to believe, quite wrongly, as it happens, that he has got the British to talk unity. Mr Haughey is under intense pressure from vociferous quarters of his own party to be more robust in his criticism over the prison crisis in particular, and Northern Ireland generally. But it does not look as though he is going to yield.

His published election address is a model of moderation. It says with breathtaking confidence that Fianna Fail wants a mandate to solve the problems of Northern Ireland: "We seek a new way forward out of the political turmoil and dissension of recent years by a farsighted policy which can bring peace to the whole island".

Such temperance is a calculated gamble. As a man as well as a politician he has many enemies in his own camp; his lusty past is a source of endless whispering in the corridors of Leinster House, and if he loses this election, the knives will be out.

The Dublin summit with Mrs Thatcher last December, which presaged the "special relationship", has top billing at most of Mr Haughey's rallies, although in latter days he has occasionally promoted the economy to his main theme. There is little he can boast about on that score, however; 21 per cent inflation and 11 per cent unemployment do not give much scope for dream-making.

The Opposition, therefore, is having a wonderful time, tearing into the Government's handling of the economy. Whatever the enduring passions about Northern Ireland, there is no doubt that this election is about the immediate issues of jobs and prices.

Mr Haughey is a self-made millionaire. He had his own accountancy business but did he really make a million out of it? He has a mysterious, intriguing past, and the aura has been heightened by his stoic, stubborn silence over the arms case in 1970 when he faced unproven allegations of conspiring to import weapons.

The affair gave him his Republican spurs, however. The opposition parties launched a disastrous attempt at character assassination when he succeeded Mr Jack Lynch as Prime Minister, 18 months ago, and it back-fired on them. The whole torrid business, significantly, has not been mentioned once during the campaign by either of the opposition parties.

Like many Irishmen, Mr Haughey has the enviable gift of being master of the clock. One day last week, he dashed through the soup at an expensive hotel, rejected the beef and curtly commanded his election entourage to "come on". It was a marvellous gesture to punctuality, because he was only 20 minutes late for his next election meeting.

Dr Garret FitzGerald, leader of Fine Gael, is in contrast nearly always on time and frequently early. He is genial, kind and approachable, and has an open and honest air that contrasts sharply with his rival. It is the nice guy versus the enigma.

In the absence of any real political ideologies in Ireland other than nationalism—socialism does not have a secure foothold—the difference between the main parties are tactical rather than strategic.

In the end, therefore, gimmicks like extra mortgage relief, or taxing husbands so that wives can receive a state wage, will mean as much as anything in deciding who runs the next Dail.

Christopher Thomas

The civil servants' unity test

The die has now been cast in the Civil Service pay dispute and with the unions moving toward a national all-out strike at the end of the month, the determination of both the Government and the unions to emerge as victors will be tested to the limit.

The most immediate pressure is upon the unions. Ministers believe that the low public sympathy which the unions have at the moment will disappear entirely once their action starts today to hit the unemployed and child benefits.

Leaders of the campaign of guerrilla industrial action, which today enters its fourteenth week, are equally aware that the already fragile unity of the nine unions will now come under severe strain as the strategic advantages of a nationa strike are argued out between moderate and more militant union leaderships.

Under the auspices of the Council of Civil Service Unions which has been coordinating the campaign, leaders have agreed that if there is a majority in the council for a national strike after the individual memberships have been consulted all unions will swing behind the decision.

The unions had approached last Friday's negotiating meeting with Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council, with some trepidation. They knew that a small increase in the 7 per cent pay offer or the promise of arbitration if next year's negotiations were deadlocked would have been sufficient to cause a deep split in the ranks.

At the meeting Lord Soames bluntly told the unions that the Government was not going to increase the 7 per cent offer and would not commit itself to arbitration next year, although he did leave on the table the offer of an independent inquiry, possibly a Royal Commission, into a new pay system which would be in operation for the 1983 negotiations.

There is no doubt that the resolve of many usually moderate civil servants will have been stiffened by the Government's decision to give no quarter in negotiations and hope for a union collapse.

The Cabinet decided on Thursday on the line Lord Soames should take at the following morning's negotiations, but in truth Mrs Thatcher's decision not to sanction a small increase in the 7 per cent offer was taken well in advance of the Cabinet.

It was no secret that Lord Soames, supported by his Minister of State Barney Hayhoe and some Cabinet "wets", believed there was room for manouevre within the overall 6 per cent cash limit to take the offer nearer 8 per cent.

Lord Soames had made clear to guests at a private lunch two weeks ago that because of accelerated manpower reductions, about 5,000 posts have disappeared in the Civil Service this year, the offer could be increased without breaching the cash limit.

So when Lord Soames and Mr Hayhoe met the Prime Minister and other senior ministers last Tuesday to report on progress of the four days' of negotiations they were hoping to persuade her of the long-term industrial relations benefits of reaching an honourable compromise to settle the dispute.

But Mrs Thatcher had been warned by government whips that if the unions were seen to be gaining any fundamental concession there would be a Tory backbench revolt, a point which by all accounts she made very forcibly to the two Civil Service ministers.

Union negotiators stormed out of the meeting saying that industrial relations in the Civil Service had now reached "rock bottom" and threatening to refuse to negotiate with the Government on any topic in the future.

David Felton

New top Tory, tub thumper or backroom boy?

As Mrs Thatcher approaches the task of selecting a chairman of the Conservative Party to succeed Lord Thorneycroft, 72 next month, there is a growing demand at Central Office for a powerful, campaigning figure who can rally the Tory faithful for a general election which is bound to be difficult.

A young, inspiring and glamorous candidate for whom there is consider-able support is available: Michael Heseltine, 48, Environment Secretary and darling of rank-and-file workers and conference delegates.

Lord Thorneycroft is expected to retire at about the time of the party conference in October after six years in the job, and much must be done to build up the general election machine at Central Office. Morale there is low after the 10 per cent cut in staffing and changes in the handling of community affairs and the youth organization. The trade union department has also been downgraded.

If morale in the party at large was also low, then a tub thumper of the Heseltine kind would be ideal. Tories recall how Lord Hailsham put new heart into the party in 1957 after the Suez crisis and the departure of Sir Anthony Eden.

Lord Hailsham may have been slightly erratic, even eccentric, but his bell ringing and his inspiring speeches helped more than anything else to take the Conservatives to victory again in 1959 with a majority of 100. There is a strong belief that Heseltine is the 1981 man for the same role.

But the choice is Mrs Thatcher's, and there have been indications that she has disliked the way he seized the limelight at party conferences. She is said to be looking for "a good party manager and administrator". According to some of her close associates, the ideal choice could be Mr Humphrey Atkins, the 58-year-old Secretary for Northern Ireland, who served in the Navy during the war and toiled in the Tory whips' office for 11 years before becoming a minister.

Totting down

A new anti-hangover potion, tested by the late Home Office pathologist Professor Francis Camps, was launched yesterday in a pub in what could prove to be its most demanding catchment area—Fleet Street. My colleague Simon Midgley was too sober to test its efficacy but he reports a glimmer of hope among journalists who tried it that drinks before driving could again become socially acceptable.

It is called Revive and Midgley says it's a cloyingly sweet, amber fluid crammed with fructrose, dextrose and sucrose.

"Drink ten whiskies at five-minute intervals", enthused its publicist, "then have a couple of glasses of Revive and within 45 minutes your blood count will be almost normal again." Which is more than can be said for your calorie count, which will have risen by about 190.

Apparently it has the same effect after drinking as eating half a pound of honey. A. A. Milne fans might enjoy the sight of throngs clutching half-consumed pots of honey at closing time but this new elexir is abviously more convenient.

It was devised by a semi-retired London medical consultant and is made by a small company in Tunbridge Wells whose other products include medicated insoles, a lightweight arch support and—unsuccessfully—what was believed to be the world's first double camp bed. There's variety for you.

THE TIMES DIARY



In the fifties, the Mickey Spillane books chronicling the racy exploits of the gun-toting, womanizing, private detective Mike Hammer, were required reading.

Hammer was a man of few words who broke jaws first and asked questions later. The 20 books in which he appeared have sold more than 65 million copies and been translated into 14 languages.

Spillane now spends most of his time at his waterfront home in the South Carolina fishing village of Murrell's Inlet, making an occasional television beer commercial and tending a pet duck. But there is inspiration in him yet, for Spillane, who used to say he based Hammer on his own free-wheeling life, is hammering out a new book. No booze, no broads, no broken bones.

The Day the Sea Rolled Back (Bantam Paperback) is his first book for children. It is about two young amateur detectives who discover the wreck of a treasure-laden ship and are confronted by a couple of greedy villains.

But Spillane has not suffered a personality change and joined the moral majority. "My inspiration," he says, "is the urgent need for money."

Exiles riled

The man who edits Tony Wedgwood Benn's speeches is in trouble with the Dalai Lama. Chris Mullin, an assistant editor of the left-wing weekly *Tribune*, has been heaped with abuse following publication of his report for the Minority Rights Group on the state of the Tibetan people after 30 years of Chinese rule. One letter likens Mullin's findings to "a Nazi spokesman writing about the rights of the Jewish minority in Hitler's Germany".

Last September Mullin and *Times* staff writer Alan Hamilton were among the first Westerners to gain access to the forbidden region of Tibet since China annexed the country in 1950.

Mullin's report for the MRG in fact criticizes China's Tibet policy; he accuses the communist administration of suppressing Tibetan customs and religion, dominating the country with Peking-trained officials, and wrecking the economy. But he adds that Peking has now realized its mistakes.

Bitter letters claiming that Mullin is a pro-communist stooge have come in from a number of Tibetan exile organizations and sympathizers, including one from the Dalai Lama's exile headquarters at Dharamsala in northern India.

Mullin told me: "The phrasing of the letters is so similar that it looks like an orchestrated campaign against me. Most obviously they have not even read the report."

I suspect he will suffer exactly the same advance criticism of his second volume of the Thoughts of Benn, which he plans to have out later this year.

Cast of thousands

I know drama companies are cutting back, being as short of a penny as the rest of us, but I do think the National Theatre of Brent *(sic)* is taking things a bit far. They are advertising for an "exciting male performer with strong comic skills" to take part in a two-man re-creation of the Zulu Wars. If things go on like this, the next production will be an one-man show of the Second World War. (I know, I know, Monty thought it was anyway).

A hunter at bay

The anti-blood sports brigade has just locked its fangs into football pundit and public relations man Jimmy Hill. The unexpectedly one-sided match of the day was over Hill's penchant for fox hunting (with the Heythrop) and his job as a PR consultant to the British Field Sports Society.

Inadvertently, as chairman of the Goaldiggers charity, Mr Hill sent a donation to the League Against Cruel Sports, which has been gunning for him since he defended blood sports on BBC's *Open Door* programme some time ago. The League pocketed the £2,18 donation and then accused him of hypocrisy.



Hill: They have no case.

A spokesman for the League said: "We would be delighted to think his new-found compassion for hunted animals is genuine, but we suspect he has merely scored an own goal." Hill's response: "They don't have a case and are trying to put a tripwire under me."

Don't call us

Life has clearly been too frenetic recently for David Williams, son of the former Warrington Labour MP, Sir Thomas Williams. Williams Jnr is so anxious to stand as the Social Democrat candidate in the coming by-election there that he has forgotten to resign from Dulwich Labour Party.

As a union delegate to the Dulwich party's left-wing management committee he was entitled to vote at a meeting last week to select a new parliamentary candidate to replace Sam Silkin at the next election. But he did not arrive to help the committee make its choice between the four left-wing candidates.

Williams need not waste time or a stamp sending in his resignation. Margaret Orchard, the Dulwich party secretary, tells me that under the Labour Party rule book Williams has expelled himself by supporting a party which plans to put up a candidate against a Labour man.

Going . . . gong

Reports that civil servants may be barred from the Queen's Birthday Honours List because of prime ministerial displeasure over their strike could cause not a little unhappiness in Whitehall this week.

As a rule civil servants with some prospect of being honoured are scrupulously careful not to put a foot wrong in the quest for their Ks and lesser gongs.

The most senior of the civil service orders are the Bath, mainly for military men and Treasury officials, and St Michael and St George, which is bestowed mainly on diplomats and spies.

In case you haven't heard—and it always bears repetition—the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) is known in Whitehall as Call Me God; the Knight Commander (KCMG), the next one up, Kindly Call Me God; and for the select few in the Knight Grand Cross league (GCMG), God Calls Me God.

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SETBACK ON CAPITOL HILL

President Reagan has suffered his most serious political setback so far with the withdrawal of Mr Ernest Lefever as the nominee for the office of Assistant Secretary of State for human rights. In terms of American foreign policy it is all to the good that Mr Lefever will not be taking up this post. During the hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee it had become clear that he was an inappropriate choice on two scores.

There was a danger that his appointment would have been regarded as evidence of a cynical disregard for human rights on the part of the Reagan administration. President Carter made the mistake of attaching too much importance to his human rights policy, without taking adequate account of the realities of international power. So he gave the impression too often of practising double standards, or simply being naive. It would be unfortunate, though, if President Reagan were to swing so far in the other direction as to appear unconcerned about the moral and human dimensions of foreign policy. That risk would have been a very real one with Mr Lefever responsible for human rights. There were also allegations of a conflict of interest in connexion with payments by the international company, Nestlé, to a research centre that he used to run. Although Mr Lefever denied the suggestion, the suspicion remained and might well have dogged him in office had his nomination been confirmed.

The fact that his nomination has not been confirmed is, however, a political event of some significance. It is true that Mr Lefever himself withdrew, but he did so only after it had been made plain that there would have been the greatest difficulty in securing support for him on the floor of the Senate, following the large vote against his nomination in the Foreign Relations Committee. Whatever gloss may be put upon it, the President has been unable to secure the Senate's approval for the man whom he wanted to fill one of the senior posts in his administration. That may seem all the more surprising because Mr Reagan has up to now been pretty successful in his dealings with Congress. His personal relations on Capitol Hill are much better than Mr Carter's ever were. This was evident before the assassination attempt. Admiration for his courage has increased his personal standing immensely, but that has not been the only reason for his early success with Congress.

He took the trouble to know the leading figures in both Houses, and he got on well with them. There was the natural respect accorded by politicians to a President who had won a notable electoral victory for himself and his party. The Republicans have a majority in the Senate for the first time in twenty-six years, and until now they have been remarkably united by American standards. In the House of Representatives they are still in a minority, even though they made significant gains last November, but there they can look for the support of a group of conservative Democrats who agree with some of the principal elements of the Reagan economic policy.

This explains why Mr Reagan's budget cuts have been making such good progress through Congress. There is a natural majority for them in both Houses. But it does not follow that there is a natural majority for whatever the President may wish to do. He has already been forced to compromise on his programme of tax cuts, and even the modified version may encounter a good deal of resistance. Outside the economic field the President's grip on Congress is likely to become still more uncertain.

There is little chance of the Republican Party remaining united on the most contentious moral and social issues, such as abortion and the bussing of schoolchildren, any more than it has now on the morality of foreign policy. This rebuff to the President is not a sign that his majority in Congress is suddenly breaking up. It should be interpreted rather as a warning that he has a natural majority on only a limited area of policy. Beyond that area he can take nothing for granted, and will need to exercise the greatest sensitivity and discretion in the proposals he submits to Congress. If that is the conclusion he draws from this episode, the humiliation of Mr Lefever may actually prove to have helped Mr Reagan's relations with Capitol Hill.

LET A SLEEPING HERO LIE

The Home Secretary is expected to announce shortly whether or not the Government has acceded to a request from the Polish authorities for the return of the ashes of General Sikorski. This is an issue charged with emotion, and has aroused strong feeling both in Poland and in this country. General Sikorski was commander in chief of Polish forces during the Second World War, and Prime Minister of the Polish Government in Exile in London. He was killed in an air crash off Gibraltar in 1943, and is buried in the military cemetery at Newark, in Nottinghamshire. The Communist Government imposed on Poland by Moscow after the war expunged the name of Sikorski from the historical record.

It is not difficult to see why the Polish Government should none the less now wish to have General Sikorski's remains reburied in Polish soil. For Poles, the name of General Sikorski is synonymous with courage, integrity and national honour, and the Communist authorities would clearly like to lay claim to the prestige and even legitimacy which a symbolic act of this kind might confer. But equally, the passionate opposition to any such move expressed by — among others — the thousands of Polish ex-servicemen living in Britain carries a great deal of force. There are no close surviving relatives — both sides have produced fairly distant relations whose authority in the matter is open to question — but General Sikorski's late widow opposed the return of the ashes and her wishes still command respect. General Sikorski himself expressed the desire to be laid to rest "among my soldiers", and he is indeed buried alongside many of his compatriots who fell during the war.

But the main objection stems from the declaration by the Polish Government in Exile after General Sikorski's death, that his remains were only to be returned to his native land "when Poland is free". Despite the recent internal changes, Poland is very far from being a democratic country. Nor is it free of Russian domination: it exercises its sovereignty within strict limits laid down by the Soviet Union. General Sikorski, who made his reputation as a divisional commander in the Russo-Polish war of 1920, subsequently saw his country raped by both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, and spent much of his career trying to rid Poland of all foreign domination. In the year of his death, General Sikorski sought an investigation of the murder of 10,000 Polish officers in the Katyn Forest, a massacre commonly attributed to the Russians. He would scarcely have wished to be identified with the present regime in Poland, which is beholden to the Soviet Union, and regards Katyn as a taboo subject.

It has taken the Polish Government a long time to acknowledge that one of the country's undoubted heroes deserves to have medals struck, stamps minted and streets named in his honour. The Communist authorities in Warsaw, it is true, have deliberately made use of the symbols of Polish nationalism to foster a feeling of national independence, and to push back the limits imposed by Russia. The painstaking and costly reconstruction of the Royal Castle in Warsaw had very little to do with Communism, and a great deal to do with the Government's need to appeal to national sentiment. The cathedral within the precincts of Wawel Castle, at Krakow, is preserved not only by the powerful Catholic Church but also by the state as a national shrine.

Poland is now undergoing a profound social and political transformation. Organizations outside the Communist Party framework have emerged with authority to voice popular aspirations, and symbols such as the national flag and national holidays have become as much the property of the people as of the state. For all these reasons, it might be argued that the return of the ashes could help to promote Poland's progress towards a more pluralistic system, especially if the ashes were to be reburied at Wawel, thus providing another symbol of national unity. Yet there is always the risk that the Polish Government would use the event to make political capital for itself, rather than for the concept of a free or even liberalized Poland. There is, in any case, no guarantee whatever that the present trend towards democratization will not be halted, or even reversed. For the moment at least, General Sikorski should be allowed to rest where he lies, undisturbed.

David Wood

Westminster as the last sweatshop

It goes without saying, or rather it never goes without saying that it goes without saying, that Westminster politicians have no more distasteful and embarrassing duty than periodically to vote themselves a salary increase. Their constituents may think them puffed-up with self-importance and impenetrably thick-skinned, but let no one question that they have the nicest sensibilities about putting a price on the work they do. No doubt that explains why the House of Commons showed a lot of empty green benches on Friday and then rose a little early.

For on Friday MPs were passing motions to raise their own basic salary to £13,950, an increase of 6 per cent if voters can only be made to understand that increases awarded earlier had been held back and now added. Not only voters. Civil Service unions, with their blunt 7 per cent final offer, must not be allowed to get away with tendentious arithmetic that the parliamentary increase works out at nearly 19 per cent as indeed it does until Japanese pocket calculators can include political factors in the figures.

Of course, we all know what those political factors are. There is never a good time for paying more to MPs. In today's inflation, the House of Commons must be persuaded or forced to set the example of sacrifice, and then eventually salaries must catch up on depreciated money, or ingenious new expense allowances must be invented so that the basic salary figure may be left misleadingly low.

Such embarrassment as Governments and backbenchers purport to feel about their increases is needless. Any member of the administration or the Commons is free to refuse his salary in whole or part, as the present Prime Minister and Lord Chancellor do, and as a few sticklers have been known to do on the principle that they accepted the pay and conditions of the job at the time of the preceding general election.

In all conscience, the United Kingdom gets its House of Commons on the cheap whenever an international comparison is made, and governments and MPs alike should not be ashamed to say so. Take a few examples. Belgium pays its MPs a salary of £18,523, half of it tax free, with a gratuity on retirement or loss of seat. Denmark pays £10,640, with subsistence allowances. West Germany offers a basic salary of £18,691, with a monthly allowance of £934 to cover office costs, and free travel anywhere in the Federal Republic.

France pays £25,654, and among other boons offers loans at cut rates to buy a home and an office, as well as free travel at all times. To a salary of £15,133, Italy adds an expense allowance of £208 a month free of tax. Even tiny Luxembourg pays £13,084, and the Republic of Ireland £9,828.

Outside the EEC, Australian MPs get £15,318, with a generous electorate allowance added; Canadian MPs £13,146, with good expense allowances and a staff allowance of £31,357 a year, as well as a constituency office. New Zealand tops-up a basic salary of £11,488 with an expense allowance, an electorate allowance, and a daily attendance allowance. American Senators receive £29,312, and a population allowance running between £286,000 and £575,000 a year for staff salaries. Offices at the Capitol come rent free. Members of the House of Representatives enjoy the same basic salary as senators, with an annual allowance of £162,543 for staff salaries.

On any comparability test, nobody could say that MPs at Westminster overprice themselves as legislators, and they should stop being coy or hypocritical about their pay packets. But some points are worth making. There is a cogent argument for saying, if only for political decency's sake, that an outgoing Parliament ought to fix the salaries that shall run throughout the following Parliament, after a general election.

No less, there is an argument for raising the basic salary to a level high enough to allow eliminating the overgrown expense account system which is unhealthy in politics here as it is in Europe.

More controversially, there is a case, justifiable not only on grounds of economy, for reducing membership of the House of Commons by about a third, as several Chief Whips on both sides have privately argued since the war. A house of 635 members is too large to provide a fulfilling job for many of its backbenchers; and experience shows that MPs with electorates nearly twice the size of the present electoral quota have no difficulty in discharging all reasonable constituency duties.

At any rate, with many a blush, Westminster MPs have voted themselves a modest increase in pay, and now have only to bear the heckling that will be directed at them by constituents. There will be a few Uriah Heeps who will reply that they had no part on Friday in such an outrageous affront to the army of unemployed, old aged pensioners, one-parent families, and the conscience of the nation. Most backbenchers, we must hope, will have the courage to say that Westminster is the last sweatshop left in Britain, and that any government has a long way to go before a British politician enters his trade and stays in it for the money.

One other thing that some backbenchers will say, and may they be howled down for it. They will canvass again the mischievous idea that MPs should be paid on the Civil Service scale — say as a deputy secretary — so that parliamentary pay may be fudged and clandestine. As they say nowadays, whenever MPs ask for more money let it all hang out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ulster terrorism coverage

From Mr Alexander Cockburn

Sir, Sir Ian Trethowan's feature (June 4) is nicely argued. However, in my opinion, he does sidestep the question: should the cameras be "pulled out" of the violence in Northern Ireland?

Broadcasters and the press should report what is happening; they should not suppress facts, however unpleasant they may be; but must they convey that information by *all* available means, as argued by Sir Ian?

Prior to television, the earlier periods of violence in Irish history were reported. But those perpetrating violent crimes, violence and unrest were not the "stars" of weekly, if not daily, pictures depicting their worst actions and broadcasting their individual identities for their acquaintances to admire those deeds and themselves, then encouraged, also to be depicted committing similar or worst acts at the next available opportunity.

I do not wish the BBC to cease reporting events in Northern Ireland, but I do wish that violent individuals of whatever age were not given visual encouragement in their personal feats of violence.

Cannot these events be reported by the BBC staff alone and without extremes of violent incidents and those perpetrating them being spotlighted by free, pictorial time on our television screens?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr B. A. J. Jones

Sir, The BBC Director General, Sir Ian Trethowan, sets the scene for his article in today's *Times* (June 4) defending the BBC's coverage of the tragedy in Northern Ireland, with an inappropriate quotation. He seeks to allay our fears by inferring that the media are but messengers. Were this the case any problems would lie with the sender and recipient of the message.

Unfortunately, the media in general and the BBC in particular are involved in determining the scope, content and emphasis of the message — and it is with these matters that viewers and listeners have become increasingly critical of the performance of the media, particularly BBC television. The balance has been wrong for many months and only in recent days, under mounting pressure of public indignant criticism, including that of the Prime Minister, has some attempt at objectivity returned to coverage and presentation of Northern Ireland events. It remains to be seen whether management in the media resists a resurgence of bias in favour of terrorist groups and their aims.

Yours faithfully,
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European unity

From Mr T. B. Martin

Sir, Mr Tomsett's letter (May 27) on the European Movement contains some truth about the origin of the idea but does not diminish Mr Macmillan's statement on Winston Churchill's part in projecting into public debate what had indeed been discussed before 1942.

I was the Secretary of the United Europe Movement which Churchill founded when he was out of office after the first postwar general election and I naturally had many conversations, both in London and Paris, with enthusiasts for a united Europe and with some of those who had, before the war, advocated a federal Europe without making much impact.

Mr Macmillan was justified in claiming that Churchill originated the European Movement. Its conception was fundamentally different from that of the federalists. "You cannot," Churchill once said to me, "impose a federal blueprint on a group of nations. Unity will grow like an oak tree, slowly putting down deep roots and forming stout branches over many years."

Then he added: "There will be mistakes and setbacks but the nations of Europe will unite to form a democratic centre of power akin to the United States of America."

Mr Tomsett's point about the "lamentable refusal of the British Government to join in" is valid. I have never understood why Churchill, when he became Prime Minister again, did not use his immense European prestige to guide the statesmen of Europe through the throes of the birth of unity. The Treaty of Rome might have taken a different form under his leadership. Perhaps future historians will discover why we were not there at the birth.

Yours faithfully,
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Dorset.

Football problems

From Mr John McInally

Sir, There are several factors which make a Great Britain football team undesirable (letters, June 3).

The selection committee would undoubtedly be dominated by the English Football Association and this must surely lead to some bias in the matter of team selection, particularly since the majority of the selectors would see little of the play in the smaller countries. It is also the case that the performance of the national teams shows that the game played in each country still has different characteristics (despite the inclusion of Anglos in the non-England teams) and this is a benefit to the spectator and to the sport overall which should not lightly be given up.

The most important aspect, however, is that Scottish, Irish and Welsh players all perform in a more enthusiastic manner for their country than do English players and I am not at all convinced that they would do the same for a side representing Great Britain.

Finally, as a Scot, might I ask why it is only when the English team is in the doldrums that such a proposal is mooted in this country? I believe we are on our way to the World Cup — see you there, I hope.

Yours faithfully,
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Sutton, Surrey.

Democracy within the Labour Party

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, David Watt (June 5) presents the traditional nineteenth-century view of British politics, that is of a parliamentary system without parties. And what is surprising about present developments in the Labour Party is not the difficulties into which we are currently landed, but that the effort to establish parties as a legitimate part of our political process has taken so long to surface.

On this debate the Labour Party divides roughly into three groups. There are those that oppose any changes which strengthen the role of the party outside Parliament. A second group consists of those who wish to see the party made sovereign over the parliamentary system. A third group, to which I belong, is one which is striving to see the development of a party system which strengthens rather than cripples our parliamentary system.

If one takes the latter view — of trying to involve through the party apparatus as many people as possible in decision-making — then the reforms one pushes for are distinctly different from those which are concerned only with party democracy. For example, on the question of the franchise for the party leadership the debate boils down to those who wish to see the leader elected by small groups of activists and those of us who wish to involve the mass membership in the electoral process.

At the present time it is up to the trade unions themselves to decide how they cast their vote and likewise with constituency parties. I believe that we need to look again at the idea of one man, one vote within the concept of an electoral college. If it's good enough for MPs to have one man, one vote, why shouldn't all local party members be treated in the same fashion? And if trade unions cannot compile a list of all those who pay the political levy, and to use this as the basis of their electorate, then it is a very sad reflection on the trade union movement.

Likewise, there is a need to reform the role of the party conference if conference decisions are to be taken as the firm guideline for government action. Local party and trade union activists do need to be involved in the formation of policy on a year-by-year basis and for working groups to report to regional and annual conferences. This will change the whole nature of the annual conference.

It is also important to spell out the limitations as well as the strengths of annual conference being the sovereign policy-making body in the Labour Party. Recently Tony Benn claims that his disputes with the Shadow Cabinet have been over his attempts to enforce party policy. This is not true. Along with a number of MPs Tony Benn voted against the defence Estimates. There is no party conference decision which supports this action. I guess why most of us voted in the way we did was that we were not prepared to see an increase in defence expenditure at a time when the Government was making more people unemployed, closing hospitals and schools in our constituencies, and cutting the real value of social security benefits.

Likewise, by questioning the bipartisan approach on Northern Ireland, Tony Benn was not implementing party policy. In fact the reverse is true for the last party conference gave overwhelming support to the Shadow Cabinet's current stance.

Tony Benn had every right to vote in the way he did, but he is wrong to present these clashes as if he was acting as the white knight of the *party conference. It is in showing* the inconsistencies between the general image from his language and what is the reality of Tony Benn's actions that Michael Foot's Shadow Cabinet statement (report, June 4) is important. If the next Labour Government isn't to come to more grief than the last one, the party must have a policy which is workable and agreed by the whole movement. Tony Benn's actions are not yet conducive to this end.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
June 5.

Choice of school

From Mr S. W. Dance

Sir, I read with sadness about the Labour Party's "plan of action" for the abolition of public schools (report, May 27) and wish to point out one likely consequence.

Assuming parents are not able to send their children to the school of their choice they will no doubt be keen to ensure that they receive the best possible education from the state comprehensive system. Not all state schools are of equal standard and therefore those establishments enjoying the highest reputation will be in strong demand. As a result house prices within the catchment areas of these schools will rise and instead of spending money on public school education for their children the wealthier parents will channel funds into purchasing premises in the area of their preferred comprehensive school.

Plus ça change plus c'est la même chose.

Yours faithfully,
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Local spending

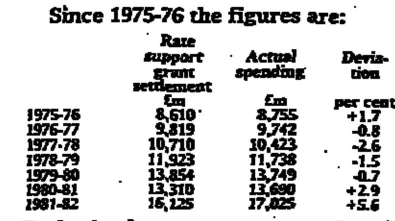
From the Director of The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Sir, In my view, Mr Brannan (letter, May 29) is right to stress that local government needs to be accountable for its actions to its local electorate. For that accountability to exist the local community must feel the financial consequences of whatever policies its elected council chooses to implement. This will be best achieved if the most significant proportion of its income is raised from those local sources which also have access to the ballot box.

In recent years accountability has been clouded by successive governments who have sought to protect domestic ratepayers from the full effects of spending decisions, first by increasing government grants and secondly by paying specific subsidies to domestic ratepayers. Accountability has been further damaged by the shifts in grant payments that have occurred between different areas of the country which have led to changes in rate poundages unrelated to spending decisions. There have been substantial shifts in grant aid this year and the grant losers, mainly London, have had the highest rate increases and yet they have had in real terms many of the largest decreases in expenditure. The public perception is that London authorities have had big increases in spending because they have had high rate increases.

If changes are to be made in the control of local authority activity then there needs to be a clear understanding of the correct historical position. Mr Brannan stated that "local government overspending is not, as is suggested, a one-year phenomenon. It has continued since 1965 and shown little signs of abatement." But in fact in national terms the figures show that between 1967-68 and 1975-76, with the exception of the year when local government was reorganized, the aggregate spending of all 456 authorities has been within 2 per cent of the target set by central government.

Since 1975-76 the figures are:



	Rate support grant settlement £m	Actual spending £m	Deviation per cent
1975-76	8,610	8,755	+1.7
1976-77	9,819	9,742	-0.8
1977-78	10,710	10,423	-2.6
1978-79	11,923	11,738	-1.5
1979-80	13,854	13,749	-0.7
1980-81	13,310	13,690	+2.9
1981-82	16,125	17,025	+5.6

Both the last two years are based upon estimates and actual expenditure is likely to be less, in 1981-82 probably substantially less. If capital and revenue expenditure were taken together then central government's own figures show that in real terms since 1975-76 local government has decreased its expenditure by 18 per cent, even allowing for possible overspending in 1981-82, while during the same period central government has increased its spending by 8 per cent.

But the essence of local government is local accountability for local spending decisions, and if this is not strengthened local government will undoubtedly come under increasing central government control and that would be damaging to the underlying democratic processes in the country.

Yours faithfully,
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East End misgivings

From Father C. D. Chatteris, SJ

Sir, In a recent address given at the London World Trade Centre the Minister of State for the Environment is reported, in the *World Trade News*, to have "talked at length on ways in which the Government was working to remove inhibitions on the redevelopment of London's East End".

May I request space in your columns to point out that many East Enders deeply resent this kind of patronising and pseudo-psychological dismissal of their genuine misgivings about what is happening to their area, as if these were a species of neurotic symptom? The objections on the part of the local people to some aspects of the planned redevelopment are the natural and perfectly sane reactions of a community which recognises quite clearly that its very existence is threatened by this much acclaimed "redevelopment".

If I may mention just one example of how "redevelopment" can turn out to be a double-edged sword: here in Wapping wharves and warehouses are being transformed into luxury flats. Needless to say the only way in which the average person from Wapping can afford to see the inside of a wharf or a warehouse is if these *remain* wharves or warehouses, i.e. places offering employment, not demanding prohibitively high rents.

A second and more disastrous aspect of the same "redevelopment" is the decree of the planners that a busy thoroughfare be pushed through the most densely populated part of Wapping, for the ostensible reason that the overall good of the area demands it. What are now quiet residential streets are to become a main road.

In other parts of London one notices with satisfaction the humane thinking of the planners in *closing* residential streets to main road traffic. In this part of London the precise opposite is being planned, ironically by the Labour-controlled Tower Hamlets Council.

When such development has the effect, Sir, of destroying both jobs and the environment for the majority can it any longer be properly called "development" or "redevelopment"? Or, to put the question in another way: redevelopment for whom?

Yours sincerely,
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The case for Trident

From Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley

Sir, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, in his reply (May 29) to Lord Gladwyn's letter of May 28, asks the question: "If Poland, or Afghanistan, possessed an independent and effective nuclear weapon would the one be in danger of invasion and the other suffering from it?"

This question appears to mean that the best (or only) way for small countries to avoid invasion or the danger of invasion is for each of them to possess an independent and effective nuclear weapon. This is a strange way to ensure a peaceful future for the world.

Yours faithfully,
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Pictures on a TV screen

From Mr Derek Chittock

Sir, In reviewing the BBC programme on Landseer (June 3), Joan Bakewell comments that paintings on the television screen are already in several ways false to themselves. One might add that, compared with original, every attempt to reproduce a painting must be false and that in many respects a television reproduction of painting has an advantage over the printed image in that it can project far more of the painting's original luminosity. Moreover, as a TV picture is subject to colour and tonal control by the viewer it seems to me to be an infinitely more flexible system than a printed reproduction.

The matter is not as academic as it appears. The new video disc system which is being launched this year will be able to provide on one disc up to 48,000 single pictures at instant recall. Video disc programmes on painting will thus place the system in direct competition with the printed art book and will possibly do for the fine arts what photo-mechanical reproduction did in the nineteenth century but on a new and unprecedented scale.

I do not think as yet that publishers fully appreciate the revolutionary impact the video disc will have, providing as it will 10 times the same written and reproduced images at the same price. It is against this background that Joan Bakewell's comments are of considerable relevance.

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Paternal ties

From Professor Michael Sullivan

Sir, I read with deep pleasure A. S. Byatt's article (May 29) on English literature on a latter-day passage to India. Anyone who travels in the Commonwealth must be struck by the fact that while we in Britain are only too ready to repudiate that part of our history, many of our former "subjects" are not. For all its faults, the British period was part of their history too, their first and most lasting link with Western culture.

The bad side of colonial exploitation has been thoroughly exposed. While we still have friends what we in Britain need is to stop being small-minded about our past, and to honour our friends around the world, most of all those now independent who still regard us as friends. We cannot escape our responsibility to maintain these precious links by masking our *indifference under a pretence of* guilt. Organizations such as the BBC and the British Council are performing a task vital to our interests and to the image we need to preserve and project.

A. S. Byatt ends with the hope that all the learning and enthusiasm she met with in India "will not be destroyed by English apathy or Indian nationalist hostility". For hostility there may be some excuse still, for apathy none at all.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SULLIVAN,
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Oxford.
May 30.

Future of marriage

From Mr Joseph Jackson, QC

Sir, Dr J. R. Allan (letter, June 2) makes some interesting observations about the future of marriage.

The Law Commission has recently published its discussion paper, *The Financial Consequences of Divorce: The Basic Policy*, a valuable analysis of the various schools of thought about what should be the financial consequences of the breakdown of marriage.

This association has, among other things, suggested that the commission should also be considering the effect of people cohabiting together outside the ambit of marriage and what should be the financial effect of the termination of these relationships. At the present time a number of statutes give some effect to the consequences of extra-marital relationships, and there are some reported cases, not of themselves creating a coherent structure, on implied trusts.

Should one not be at least considering whether the relationship created by cohabitation should be recognized as creating obligations and responsibilities between the parties, akin to those resulting from marriage? There are already proposals which would make the children born of cohabiting parties legitimate. *The notion of compulsory formalities for marriage is,* after all, relatively recent.

Yours faithfully,
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Verge of recovery

From Mrs Anita MacFarlane

Sir, The lanes may look beautiful and smell delicious, but prolific cow parsley at every junction (letter, June 1) has made driving in the country very dangerous.

Perhaps motorists should go armed with garden shears and do these essential cuts themselves.

Yours faithfully,
ANITA MacFARLANE,
Clythers,
Swallowfield,
Berkshire.
June 1.

Balancing act

From Mr T. A. Wainwright

Sir, Now that the pound is below \$2 compared with \$2.35 and the TUC and CBI have got what they wanted, I await with the proverbial bated breath the complaint that the cost of imported raw materials is too expensive.

Yours truly,
T. A. WAINWRIGHT,
8 Hermitage Drive,
Twyford,
Reading,
Berkshire.
June 4.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 6: The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, took the Salute this morning at the Second Rehearsal of The Queen's Birthday Parade on the Horse Guards Parade.

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Avon (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of the State of Brunei and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

June 7: The Prince of Wales, Patron of the International Year of Disabled People, this morning attended the National Car Rally for Disabled People at Silverstone, Northamptonshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Francis Cornish, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this afternoon at a Family Fayre held at Boughton House, Northamptonshire, by the Northampton and Kettering Branches of the Society.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Lady Anne Tennant.

Tomorrow is the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

Memorial service

Dr R. N. Gooderson
A memorial service for Dr R. N. Gooderson was held at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, on Saturday. The Reverend I. D. L. Clark, chaplain, St Catharine's College, officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Ely. Professor G. H. Jones, Downing Professor of the Laws of England, gave an address and readings were given by Mr D. R. and Dr P. J. Gooderson (sons). Among those present were:

Mrs R N Gooderson (widow), Miss P F Gooderson (daughter), Mrs D R and Mrs P J Gooderson (daughters-in-law), Miss T and Miss F G Gooderson (grandchildren), Miss P N Nash (sister-in-law), Canon W D Gooderson, Miss C Dymkowski.

The Master of St Catharine's College, the Master of Corpus Christi College and Mrs McCrum, the President of Wolfson College and Mrs Williams, Mr J C Hall (representing the Master of St John's College), the Registrar: Air Marshal Sir Edward and Lady Gordon Jones, Professor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, Professor Sir Arthur and Lady Armitage, Professor and Mrs J A Sirers, Professor K C Dixon, Professor S F C Milsom, the Rev J Owen, Professor and Mrs J A Jolowicz, Professor and Mrs A R Battersby, Judge and Mrs D Wild, Professor and Mrs C C Smith, Professor S Prevezer, Professor C Parry, Chancellor the Reverend E Garth Moore, Dr and Mrs S C Aston and Miss J Butler (representing Midland and Oxford Circuit).

Lord Mayor of London

The following are some of the Lord Mayor's engagements this week:

Today: Opens diamond jubilee exhibition of Royal British Legion, Royal Exchange, 11.

Tomorrow: Takes salute at Beating Retreat by The Queen's Regiment, Horse Guards Parade, 6.30.

Thursday: Attends reception to mark end of centenary year of Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, 6.

Friday: Leaves Heathrow airport, London, for Copenhagen, 9.25 am.

Dinner

Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club
Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, was the guest of honour at the centenary dinner of Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club held at Churchill College on Saturday. Mr Geoffrey Cass, chairman of the club, presided.

Marriages

The Hon A. G. Catto and Miss E. S. Boyes
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holmbury, Surrey, between the Hon Alexander Gordon Catto, second son of Lord Catto, of Houghton Hill House, Cambridgeshire, and Josephine Lady Catto, and Miss Elizabeth Scott Boyes, twin daughter of Major and Mrs T. P. Boyes, of Brookvale Cottage, Whitford, Devon. The Rev J. B. Thomas officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream lace and a cream veil held in place by a headdress of roses. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses. The Hon Georgina Catto and Miss Polly Boyes attended her. Mr John Lloyd was best man.

A reception was held at Holmdale, Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Mr P. E. Moran and Miss C. A. Prentice
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster between Mr Paul Edmund Moran, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Moran, of Hendon, London, and Miss Christine Anne Prentice, daughter of Mr Reg Prentice MP, and Mrs Prentice. The Rev Alan Luff, Precentor of Westminster Abbey, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream lace and net and a picture hat. She carried a cream parasol. Miss Helen Barrett attended her and Mr Ron Aldridge was best man.

A reception was held at the Tower Hotel.

Mr R. P. Le S. Herring and Miss E. M. Swan
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Edmund, King and Martyr, Withermarsh Green, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, Essex, between Mr Roger Peter Le Strange Herring, elder son of Colonel and Mrs P. W. Le S. Herring, of Garden House, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth, Hampshire, and Miss Elizabeth Magdalen Swan, eldest daughter of Dr Conrad and Lady Hilda Swan, of Boxford House, Boxford, near Colchester. The Rev Dr P. J. M. Swan, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Michael's College, Toronto, and Dom Raphael Appleby, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown in empire style of white lace and a veil held in place by a family tiara of diamonds and pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. Miss Rozanna Herring, Miss Anastasia, Miss Catherine and Miss Juliana Swan attended her. Captain A. D. Coker, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO), was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Portugal.

Mr S. J. M. Richard and Miss A. C. F. Younger
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Modoc's, Doune, Perthshire, between Mr Simon John Millar Richard, son of Mr J. W. M. M. Richard, of Edinburgh, and Mrs M. A. Richard, of Kailzie, Peebles, and Miss Amanda Charlotte Frances Younger, eldest daughter of the Hon A. J. and Mrs Younger, of Wester Leckie, Kippen, Stirlingshire. The Rev John Crook officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of pink-tucked lawn banded with silk and a long veil held in place by a headdress of fresh flowers. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Thomas Scott, Araminta and Meriel Younger and Laura Benton attended her. Mr David Merrick was best man.

A reception was held at Leckie, Gargunnock, Stirlingshire, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr S. Drake and Miss V. Sewell
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Lawrence, Brundall, Norwich, between Mr Simon Drake, son of the Reverend J. P. and the Hon Mrs Drake, of Stewkley Vicarage, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and Miss Vanessa Sewell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Sewell, of Oaklands, Brundall, Norwich. The Reverend J. P. Drake, father of the bridegroom, and the Reverend R. M. Baker officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white voile and lace trimmed with white satin ribbon, and a veil held in place by a headdress of white silk flowers. She carried a spray of freesias, carnations, roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Miss Susan Hunt and Miss Deborah Sutton attended her. Mr Peter Ehmke was best man.

A reception was held at Sprowston Hall, Norwich, and the honeymoon will be spent in Portugal.

Mr F. P. H. deZulueta and Miss M. J. Howden
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Aloysius, Oxford, between Mr Francis de Zulueta, son of Sir Philip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta, of Eastergate House, Eastergate, West Sussex, and Miss Miranda Jane Howden, daughter of the late Mr Philip Alexander Howden and of Mrs A. E. Vernon, of Iffley, Oxford. Father J. Christie and Father R. Manners officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr Antony Vernon, wore a gown of hand-embroidered silk. She was attended by Harriet Elwes, Joanna, Samantha and Rebecca Gates and Isabel King. Mr Martin Green was best man.

A reception was held at Malt House, Iffley, Oxford, and the honeymoon will be spent in Dorset.

Mr F. R. Annesley and Miss F. D. M. E. Ford
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Baldred's, North Berwick, East Lothian, between Mr Rory Annesley, elder son of Mr Gerald Annesley, of Newcastle, co Down, and the Hon Mrs Bernard Bruce, of Dunblane, Perthshire, and Miss Fiona Ford, daughter of Major and Mrs James Ford, of St Colms, North Berwick. Canon Aeneas Mackintosh officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rory Dunlop. Mr Richard Annesley was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr C. W. J. Palmer and Miss U. S. Aziz
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Mid-Devon Register Office between Mr Charles Palmer, youngest son of Sir John and Lady Palmer, of Heusleigh, Tiverton, Devon, and Miss Umi Aziz, daughter of Mr Abdul Aziz and Wan Samsiah Aziz, of Kuala Lumpur.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr G. S. Giles and Miss T. E. Bruce-Lockhart
The marriage between Mr Gordon Giles and Miss Tanya Bruce-Lockhart took place quietly on Friday, June 5, in Southwark Cathedral.

Mr J. D. Henes and Miss V. E. Evans
The marriage took place on Friday, June 5, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, between Mr John Henes and Miss Virginia Evans.

Mr M. Jarvis and Mrs S. de Greeff
The marriage between Mr Michael Jarvis and Mrs Sheila de Greeff (née Greene) took place in London on Saturday, June 6.

Mr G. M. Thorman and Miss A. J. Windsor
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 16, 1981, quietly at Oxton, Nottinghamshire, between Mr Giles Thorman and Miss Alison Windsor.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. A. P. Irby and Miss G. K. P. W. M. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of the Hon Anthony Irby and the late Mrs Irby, of Osborne House, South Bolton Gardens, SW5, and Ginger, daughter of the late Mr Frank Edward Wallace and of Mrs Wallace, of Frisco, Texas, United States.

Mr C. A. Blomfield-Smith and Miss R. E. Leeper
The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Brigadier D. C. Blomfield-Smith and of Mrs R. Abercromby, of Sexford House, Plaistow, West Sussex, and Rosamund, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. de P. Leeper, of Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Mr K. D. S. Grant-Dalton and Miss A. C. de Smitt
The engagement is announced between Kevin Duncan Spry, only son of Mr and Mrs N. D. S. Grant-Dalton, of Place, St Anthony-in-Roseland, Cornwall, and Amanda (Moo), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. E. de Smitt, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr R. M. Klevenhagen and Miss J. R. Mann
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Dr and Mrs S. C. Klevenhagen, of Highgate, London, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Mann, of Southport, Merseyside.

M. C. F. Tailleux and Miss R. M. M. de Wend Fenton
The engagement is announced between Carlo Francis, son of M Francis Tailleux, of 27 rue de Longchamps, Neuilly sur Seine, and Mme Eileen Tailleux, of La Bertane, Le Tholonet, Aix en Provence, and Roselle (Rose) Mare Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. de Wend Fenton, of Ebberston Hall, Scarborough.

OBITUARY

DR HANS KOSMALA

Studies in Judaism

Dr Hans Kosmala died recently in Gloucestershire at the age of 77. Born in Breslau into a family that disapproved of all books except the Bible and educated initially in the sciences, modern languages and law, he became one of this century's greatest Christian experts in the study of Judaism.

From 1926 he studied and taught at the Institutum Judaicum Delitzschianum in Leipzig until it was closed by the Nazis in 1935. He continued the work of the Institute in Vienna under the auspices of the Swedish Mission to the Jews until it too was closed by the Gestapo in 1939.

He and his family fled first to Sweden, then to England where, with the help of the British Jews Society, he reopened the Delitzschianum under the name of "Christian Institute for Jewish Studies". He was ordained into the Presbyterian Church of England in 1947, and after a short period as Church of Scotland minister in Tiberias (Israel), was in 1951 appointed director of the Swedish Theological Institute in Jerusalem.

For 20 years, with the assistance of the late Greta Andrén, gifted matron of the Institute, he developed this outstandingly successful centre for the study of the Bible, Israel and Judaism. He instilled into his students and friends respect for primary Jewish sources (he had himself as a student read the twenty volumes of the Babylonian Talmud from cover to cover), and from the same motives was vigorously opposed to all forms of proselytizing. His integrity won him and his Institute respect in Israel and throughout the world.

His publications include *The Jew in the Christian World* with Robert Smith (1942); *Hebräer, Essener und Christen* (1959), and three volumes of *Studies, Essays and Reviews* (1978).

He was for ten years editor of the highly esteemed Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute. He was also a talented musician and draughtsman, and well versed in European literature, especially French and Italian. In 1959 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Leiden University, and in 1961 created a Knight of the Swedish Order of the North Star.

He is survived by his wife Katya, who stood by him from the early days in Nazi Germany till he died, and four children.

MRS WENDY MAJEROWICZ

Mrs Wendy Majerowicz, Principal of the Tante Marie School of Cookery, Woking, died on May 24. She was 47.

Born in Dover in 1933, she was the daughter of John and Annie Broach who were both of Cornish origin and owned a grocery business. During the war she was evacuated to relatives in Cornwall where she attended Truro High School.

When the war ended she returned to Dover and took her School Certificate at Dover County Grammar School. She next moved to London where she studied domestic science at the Battersea Training College.

On leaving college with her University of London teacher's diploma in 1955 she taught cookery in a Secondary Modern School and two years later joined the three year old Tante Marie School of Cookery as teacher of cookery and dressmaking and personal assistant to Iris Syrett, the Principal and founder. On the death of Mrs Syrett in 1964 Mrs Majerowicz took over as Principal, working with Herbert Lees, Iris Syrett's widower.

Mrs Majerowicz was a Fellow of the Cookery and Food Association and a member of the Association of Home Economists and the Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects.

She took a keen interest in wine, collecting cookery books, dressmaking, tapestry and gardening.

She leaves a husband and daughter.

MR R. J. W. STACY

Mr R. J. W. Stacy, CB, who died on May 10 at the age of 77, was a former Under-Secretary at the Board of Trade.

He was educated at Sir Walter St John's School, London, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated BA in 1925. He entered the Board of Trade's Commercial Relations and Treaties Department in 1927 and thereafter participated in numerous international conferences and missions including the UK Trade Delegation to Warsaw of 1948-49.

He became Minister of State, Board of Trade to South America, in 1954 and from 1956 was in the Insurance and Companies Department in which capacity he attended many international conferences on insurance. He was an Under-Secretary from 1949 to 1964.

After his retirement he was French and Latin Master at Parkside Preparatory School.

He married, in 1932, Nina Grace Holder.

A colleague writes:

Reginald Stacy will be remembered by a dwindling band of old Board of Trade hands as a man in whom intellectual accuracy, an overriding sense of public duty, and personal kindness, were mixed in a character of great integrity.

His impatience with shoddy work was salutary for those who earned it; his dedication to his work, even in conditions of private stress and preoccupation, was total; but those — and they were not few — who penetrated that official exterior found a ready sympathy that was as warming as it was superficially unexpected.

It used to be said of those trained in the Board of Trade that you could always identify them — you could see the grain in the wood; those who served under Stacey hope that they can still show some of that compound of qualities which he displayed.

JUDGE CYRIL SALMON

His Honour Judge Tibber writes:

Bench and Bar alike will have been sad to hear of Cyril Salmon's untimely death of May 22. He had been ill for some years and those who knew him realized that life on the Circuit bench was a struggle for him, but his death at the age of 56 was a blow to us all.

Cyril's career at the Bar was divided between the Midland and Oxford Circuit and London. He had a very successful practice both as a junior and in silk. He specialized in crime from an early stage and had a mind good enough to unscramble complicated fraud cases and make them look easy. His good humour and gentle manner in court, combined with a keen appreciation of what the issues really were, made him a formidable cross-examiner and an opponent to be respected.

I never heard anyone speak ill of Cyril either when he was at the Bar or after he was appointed a Circuit judge.

On the bench he was invariably patient and courteous and he had a particularly soft spot for the newly called. He understood, in a way that many do not, the worth that was often overlaid by a manner strange to one who learnt his court manners in the period immediately following the 1939-45 War.

Beneath a calm and conventional exterior lay an open inquisitive mind; to the end, he was receptive to new ideas and appreciative of new problems.

RONNIE DUKES

Ronnie Dukes, the comedian has died in Jersey at the age of 49.

Dukes, who was noted for his family cabaret act which he performed with his wife Ricki, and his sons Dean and Perry, was well known on Britain's northern club circuit and achieved particular celebrity at the 1975 Royal Variety Show.

He retired three years ago after suffering a series of heart attacks, but had come out of retirement and begun working again.

Admiral Gordei Levchenko, who took part in the 1917 storming of the Winter Palace and went on to become Commander of the Soviet Baltic Fleet, has died at age 84. He also played a major role in the defence of Leningrad during World War II. He received, among other decorations three Orders of Lenin and four Orders of the Red Banner.

Lady Costello, widow of Sir Leonard Costello, CBE, died on June 1. She was Joan Barbara Alice, daughter of G. E. Hewitt, and widow of M. J. Piper and she married Sir Leonard Costello as his second wife in 1952.

A tribute to the spirit of modern man

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Some books, even those that are controversial and radical, fade rapidly from the collective memory. Some exert a power to nag away at preconceived ideas long after their initial impact has passed. *Honest to God* was such a book; *The Myth of God Incarnate* was apparently not.

Taking Leave of God, last October's knuckle-duster from the Rev Don Cupitt, seems to have the staying power, because it has the worrying power, to linger long. Its ideas are still dispersing outwards and downwards.

Upwards is another matter. Mr Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, is a professional theologian; but his fellow theologians have not been kind to him. The recurrent theme of the book's reviews has been that he may be asking some of the right questions but that his answers are weak or far-fetched or not scholarly enough. Lighter reviews have played with the question of whether he is an atheist or a fraud, but handled the man with a sort of puzzling sympathy.

He has, plainly, stepped into the cultural gap which separates the concerns of academic theologians from those of the secular man in the street—two points of view which do not normally have a lot to say to one another. He is, in this case, writing about the ideas he finds inside himself rather than in the man on the Clapham omnibus, but the former is not far from being an articulate version of the latter.

Mr Cupitt's subject is Modern Man, the product of the post-Enlightenment, secularized industrialized, educated culture called the West, and the basic incomprehensibility of traditional notions of God to such a person. Those Modern Men who insist on being "religious" do so only by committing a sort of intellectual schizophrenia, placing religion in a separate compartment from all other areas of life.

There are those, Biblical fundamentalists, very traditionalist Roman Catholics, devotees of sects, and so on, who create and inhabit a complete sealed-off religious ghetto from which incompatible ideas are eliminated.

But Modern Man is essentially agnostic about "God etc", living outside such ghettoes and resistant to schizophrenic mental adjustments. Frankly, and Mr Cupitt is very frank about it, the objective reality of God has ceased to matter, and it is because he, a respected theologian, has pointed that out, that his treatise has caused confusion and upset—and great curiosity.

It is not unprecedented for a deep religious thinker to arrive at a condition of consciousness that could be called both mystical and agnostic. Such people talk in conundrums, like Meister Eckhart's "Man's last and highest parting occurs when, for God's sake, he takes leave of God". That supplied Mr Cupitt with his title; and his own self-description, a Christian Buddhist, is in the same spirit.

But he is not talking of a rare esoteric experience of enlightenment, peculiar to himself. He is paying, in effect, a very great tribute to the spiritual state of Modern Man, for he is claiming for him the moral autonomy, self-directedness and freedom, which tradition has reserved for the eccentrics it called saints.

His model of the religious man is not one who has to cheat to remain a Christian, but who has successfully decoded the messages contained in religious teaching and successfully absorbed it into his nature. To such a man, the objective reality of God is an unreal issue, not so much untrue—although given a choice between "true" and "false" Mr Cupitt would have to take the latter—as obsolete, meaningless and unnecessary.

Therefore, that which is being denied by atheists is a concept whose day is passed, except for them. Those atheists who have reviewed Mr Cupitt's book have on the whole, poured indignation on it.

The "Cupitt phenomenon" has become a minor media industry, not least because he is right up Radio Four's street. There is endless scope for intelligent argument, which was in a way just waiting for him to come along before the talking could start.

Apart from the academics, he has found a way of expressing ideas which have a surprising familiarity, proving perhaps that he is right in his basic picture of the world-view of modern man. Traditional Christians and traditional atheists alike are made uncomfortable by this.

The book leaves many questions unanswered, including the *a priori* one of whether the answers are worth pursuing any further. Neither philosophy nor theology is ready to explore the ground beyond "the decline of objective theism", one of his chapter headings.

Nevertheless, he has left one part of his treatment unfinished; he proposes, in a way that many great religious masters would find quite orthodox, a kind of ideal modern spirituality (for want of a better word) without saying how it is to be achieved.

Traditional religion knew how; but belief in the objective reality of the doctrines of traditional religion was an indispensable starting point. Without such belief, such techniques are not available; prayer to a God who is not there, is not prayer. So there is more to be said about method; and perhaps a clue to it is to be found in Zen, the Buddhist school to which Mr Cupitt is closest.

Taking Leave of God. By Don Cupitt (SCM, £4.95).



Photograph by Warren Harrison

An appreciative audience of one for four bassoonists of The Royal College of Music. Stephen Pickett, Nigel Sandall, Sarah Watts and Chris Vale had teamed up yesterday as a quartet to play in the forecourt of the Royal Academy, in London, in an attempt to beguile passers-by into the Summer Exhibition.

Birthdays today

Sir Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, who is 54 today.

Sir William Barlow, 57; Lord Campbell of Croy, 60; Mr Michael Codron, 51; Earl Ferrers, 52; Mr Justice Glidewell, 57; Sir William Goode, 74; Sir James Hardy, 66; Mr Ray Illingworth, 49; Mr Alaric Jacob, 72; Sir Joseph Luckhoo, 64; Sir Ian Morrow, 69; Major-General William Odling, 72; Lord Pritchard, 71; Sir John Rankine, 74; Lord Rathcavan, 98; Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, 66; Dame Anne Warburton, 54; Dr A Williams, 60.

25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, June 7, 1956

Scapa Flow closed

The Admiralty have decided to close all the naval establishments in Scapa Flow, the Orkney naval base, except an oil depot and the services necessary to maintain it, an Admiralty official said last night. The official said that the establishments to be closed included the boom defence depot and the wireless station. The reason was that the Admiralty could no longer foresee sufficient use for the installations either in peace or in war to justify the *expense of their retention* . . . Scapa Flow, a natural harbour 15 miles long and eight miles across, is formed by the Orkney islands of Pomona, Hoy and South Ronaldsay. The German fleet was scuttled there after the first world war. During that war German U-Boats made five attempts, all unsuccessful, to attack the grand fleet in its resting place.

The garlic and pizza revolution rolls on

Farming and food

Hugh Clayton

Households, especially those containing adults aged between 25 and 45 with children, are experimenting with exotic foods in a way that would have been improbable a few years ago. The trend is most marked, of course, in households with plenty of money.

There is strong evidence, nevertheless, of a determination among shoppers to eat unusual and sometimes costly food despite the effects of the recession. A 342-page report on the trend has been prepared and published by Kraushar and Eassie, a London firm of marketing consultants. At £395 a copy, it is unlikely to find a mass sale.

As its compilers wade through reams of market research studies into each type of exotic grocery, the results remain strikingly consistent. One fact that emerges again and again is that shoppers aged more than 65 are unlikely to experiment with such things as frozen pizza, manufactured Chinese food or bottled mayonnaise.

"Soy sauce is bought most frequently by the 24-44 age group, but other Chinese foods are purchased most often by the under-24s", the compilers wrote.

"The most frequent purchasers of garlic are housewives in the 25-44 age group. Predictably the least frequent buyers are aged over 55 years." A poll conducted for Kraushar and Eassie by the British Market Research Bureau showed that only 14 per cent of shoppers over 65 had bought garlic, while 63 per cent of them said that they would never buy it.

"Garlic will continue to infiltrate into the British diet", Kraushar and Eassie wrote. "The great breakthough will come when it is sufficently widely accepted for manufacturers to be justifed in including it in their recipes at least as an alternative. For example a frozen ready meal might be available in two varieties, with and without garlic flavour".

The report also showed that consumption of manufactured "foreign" foods was usually concentrated in the south and south-east of England. The farther the researchers travelled from London, the greater reluctance they found to experiment with exotica.

Although the coffee market is dominated by instant varieties, Kaushar and Eassie have detected a growing demand for beans and ground coffee. More than a third of those interviewed from the highest income groups bought ground coffee at least once a month, while in the lowest income groups the figure was less than an eighth.

Their research extended to wine, and showed that 6 per cent of those in the highest income groups bought wine for cooking at least once a month. The appearance of such a habit in British households, even on a small scale, gives convincing evidence of an underlying change in feeding habits in at least part of the population.

Opportunities in Speciality Foods and Drinks (Kraushar and Eassie, 20 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6EE, £395; sections available at £50 to £125).

Army scholarships competition

The following have been awarded scholarships in the Army Scholarship Competition for Spring:

R F Allan, RGS Worcester; R S Appleton, Stockesley S; T D Barton, Winchester; M W Bower, Pocklington S; P J Butcher, Rugby; D Carlton, Richmond S; D P Cripps, Cranleigh S; I A Cumming, Pocklington S; N Dando, Stourport-on-Severn HS; A S Downus, Rotherham C; S E H Ellis, Abbey Gate C; H S Evans, Haberdashers' Aske's S; M L Halliday, Sedbergh S; T P Harden, Wellington; D R Kenyon, Lucton S; S C Kilby-Worthington, Sedbergh S; C G Kuhle, Radley; S R D Marr, Abraham Darby S; I C F Martin, Ryde S, IOW; R O'Brien, Hull GS; C G Perry, Wymondham C; C J W Rylands, Ampleforth; A W Salter, Waynflete S; R P Sarsfield-Hall, Pangbourne C; N H Sutherland, Hampton S; E G E Turner, Ilford County HS; A H Tweedy, Wellington; T C St J Warrington, St Peter's S, York; S D E Weeks, Winchester; G C Wilson, Trinity C, Glenalmond.

$5,000 FOR PORTRAIT OF A LADY

By Huon Mallalieu

In two minor picture sales at the Madison Avenue sale rooms of Sotheby's New York on Friday, old Master paintings and drawings made a total of $108,370, or £54,457, with 9 per cent bought in, and American and European works realized $104,575, or £52,550, with 8 per cent bought in.

A school of Van Dyck portrait of a lady, said to be Queen Henrietta Maria, was sold to the New York trade for $5,000, or £2,513 (estimate $400 to $600).

The same price was reached by an Italian Madonna and child, for which no date was given but which came in an elaborate frame (estimate $1,000 to $1,500).

The most expensive of the American works, at $2,200, or £1,105, was "The Village under snow", by Henry Hobart Nichols (estimate $700 to $1,000).

A furniture sale at Sotheby's York Avenue rooms in New York on Saturday made $452,750, or £227,512, with 8 per cent failing to find buyers. A handsome George III mahogany breakfront secretaire, made about 1790, reached $12,000, or £6,030

An unusual Austrian oval, neo-classical, mahogany writing table dating from about 1840, looking like a precursor of Art Deco, sold to an American collector for $9,500, or £4,773 (estimate $5,000 to $7,000).

Protest at plan for Kipling garden

A plan to build seven houses in the walled garden of a house where Rudyard Kipling wrote *Kim* and some other *Just So* stories is being opposed by villagers at Rottingdean, near Brighton.

Kipling's former home, The Elms, is not affected by the proposal, which goes before Brighton council planning committee tomorrow. If it is rejected, as villagers hope, they intend to try to raise money to buy the garden and to preserve it as a children's playground.

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Progress of Legislation

Commons: June 1: South Yorkshire Bill read a second time. Lloyd's Bill, select committee adjourned until July 20. Companies (No 2) Bill read a second time by 149 votes to 87.
June 3: Right of Reply in the Media Bill read a first time. British Nationality Bill considered on report and adjourned. Animal Health Bill read a second time.
June 3: Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill read a first time. British Nationality Bill considered on report and adjourned.
June 4: Sion College Bill read the third time. British Nationality Bill completed the report stage and read the third time by 287 votes to 234.
June 5: Motions on MPs' salaries and on secretarial and research allowances agreed to.
Lords: June 1: Betting and Gaming Duties Bill, Atomic Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and Countryside (Scotland) Bill read a first time. Ports (Financial Assistance) Bill read the third time and passed. Social Security Bill, Iron and Steel Bill, Local Government and Planning (Amendment) Bill, British Railways (Pension Schemes) Bill, and British Transport Docks Bill read a second time.
June 2: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill and Insurance Companies Bill passed the report stage. Food and Drugs (Amendment) Bill passed the committee stage.
June 3: Whitehaven Harbour Bill and Countryside (Scotland) Bill both read a second time.
June 4: Licensing (Amendment) Bill and Fisheries Bill read the third time and passed. Transport Bill considered in committee and adjourned.
June 5: Industrial Diseases (Notification) Bill, Horserace Betting Levy Bill and the Disabled Persons (No 2) Bill all read a second time.

Turners' Company

Mr Brian Burnett has been elected Master of the Turners' Company for the ensuing year. Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler has been elected Upper Warden and Mr Gordon Reeves Renter Warden.

Moreover.../Miles Kington

Many otherwise perfectly normal people find that they are not naturally left or right, and have a strong urge to vote for a party in the middle. Doctors say that this is quite natural and certainly nothing to be ashamed of. But confusion and depression may be caused by not knowing whether you are a Liberal or SDP person, so I have devised a little test to establish your identity firmly:

☐ Which attitude is most nearly yours? (a) I intend to vote Social Democrat because the SDP has people like Bill Rodgers, Shirley Williams, Dr Owen and Roy Jenkins (b) I intend to vote Liberal because the SDP has people like Bill Rodgers, Shirley Williams, Dr Owen and Roy Jenkins.

☐ What was the name of David Owen's recent book? (a) I'm Getting My Act Together and Putting it on the Road (b) Warrington DC (c) Slim Along with Dr David Owen (d) Before I Answer That Question, May I Just Say This?

☐ You overhear someone say: "I'd always thought of him as young but on the TV last night he suddenly looked old". Do you immediately think of (a) Tony Benn (b) David [Steel] (c) Prince Charles (d) David [Owen] (e) Cliff Richard (f) yourself?

☐ You are disgusted by the way British politics never gets beyond sordid party manoeuvring. You think the best way to combat this is (a) to create a brand new party (b) no, hold on, that could only make things worse (c) as if things *could* be any worse (d) well, as least the SDP has never had a sex scandal in its history.

☐ What was your reaction when you heard that Tom Ellis, MP for Wrexham, had left Labour to join the SDP? (a) Where? (b) I'm not surprised, the way they've played this season (c) Ellis? Owen? Jenkins? Williams? But I only left the Labour Party because it had too damn many Welshmen in it. . . .

☐ When you see a photo of the Gang of Four in the paper, what do you think? (a) It's nice to see at least one national executive looking united (b) I'd always thought of Roy Jenkins as old, but he's suddenly looking quite young (c) It's *Beyond the Fringe* all over again—a doctor with three supporting comics.

☐ You are watching an old movie on TV. The girl is in the arms of a young man. Suddenly James Cagney bursts in waving a gun and asks her to move to one side so he can shoot the young man (probably because he has left Cagney's gang to start a new moderate, centre gang). In your fantasy life, what would you do to rescue him? (a) Jump through a window firing off Britain's nuclear deterrent (b) Crash through the skylight waving last October's party conference decision against shooting (c) Walk through the door saying: "I am Shirley Williams and this is too ridiculous for words".

Results: If you assume you've got maximum points, you are Tory. If you assume you have the same points as the majority, you are Labour. If you think the point-scoring system is bound to be unfair to you, you are Liberal. If you are not sure what you think, you are SDP.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
REAR-ADMIRAL: N J S Hunt to be DGNMT, Nov.
CAPTAINS: J A B Thomas, G W Lowden, M L'E Tudor-Craig, F D Stanley, A M G Pearson, M F Parry, C E T Baker, M R Hocken, P G Howard, C M Robinson, K D E Wilcockson, and D Roe appointed ADC to the Queen July 7; G G W Hayhoe for duty as Dir of Plans UKCICC in rank of cdr, Nov 17; W R Canning to Broadsword in Cmd and as apt Second Frigate Sqn, Oct 1; R T Newman to Dolphin in Cmd and as Capt 1st SM Sqdn and Capt RN SM School Oct 22; T J Boyton to MoD (PE) with DGW (N), June 1.
COMMANDERS: H L Peers to be DA Nassau and NA Carribean July 15; J G Chestnutt to staff of CINCI LEFT, June 2; K F Harding to be HNLO Cyprus, Oct 22; M Rotheram for duty outside MoD at NDC Latimer, Sept 8; M R Morgan to Antrim, Dec 7; J A P Fuery to MoD with DG Ships, June 1; P A N Foster to MoD as ADNMP (Structure), July 3; M J Appleton to London as Supply Offr, July 23; P A Rogers to Seahawk as OIC RNSOMO, July 28; D W Ashby to loan service with Bangladesh Navy as Snr Instr Naval Wing Bangladesh Defence Services Command and Staff College as acting capt, Sept 1; D P Wilson to two years loan service with Nigerian Navy at the Nigerian Command and Staff College, Aug 20; D J Davidge for loan service in Nigeria as Chief Instr (Navy) at the Nigerian Command and Staff College as acting capt, Aug 4.
SURGEON COMMANDERS: H R Blackstone, R J Carmichael and J A M Wright to be surgeon captain, June 30.
ROYAL MARINES
MAJOR: R T G Tucker to Logistics Division HQ AFSOUTH as staff ops offr, June 10.
Retirement
ADMIRAL: Sir Richard Clayton, July 23.
CAPTAIN: J H St Aubyn-Sayer, Aug 24.

The Army
BRIGADIERS: M E Carleton-Smith to MoD as DDASD, June 8; D H Hodge to UK MH Rep and Staff Brussels as COS and DUKMILREP June 12.
COLONELS: B M Bowen to APO (Offrs' Accts) as Chief Paymaster F4 (AD), June 12; P K Conibear to MoD as Chief Paymaster, June 5; A R Roe to HQ BAOR as DDACC, June 5; M Thomson to BMATT Zimbabwe as Col GS Snr Staff Team, June 11; J A Turner to D of Sup Man as Col Tech Eqpts Div, June 12.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J R D Andrew, RA, to DGAMS as ADG AAG (MS)(AMD5), June 11; R F L Cook, R Sigs, to HQ BAOR as SO1 G1 G4 C5 (studies), June 8; B H Dutton, D and D, to Staff Coll as GSO1 (DS), June 8; J W Flior, PWO, to HQ 1 (BR) Corps as Chief G5 (Ops), June 14; G S Goodman, RAEC, to No1 RC as Comndt, June 12; M J Payne, RAMC, to TPMH Akrotiri as Cons Surg, June 8; N H Peters, RAMC, to QEMH Woolwich as Cons Surg, June 8; J R Smales, 14 20H, to Staff Coll Camberley as GSO1 (DS), June 12; M C Smith, REME, to Log Exec (Army) as GSO1 (W), June 10.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: D C Robinson to MoD as Director Defence Codification Authority, June 8.
GROUP CAPTAINS: B W Lavender to MoD (AFD) Staff duties, June 8; R J Kemball to MoD (AFD) Staff duties, June 12; P T Evans to HQRAFSC as A and MM, June 8.
WING COMMANDER (acting group captain): I B Thorne to MoD as DD PM3 (RAF), June 8.
WING COMMANDER W D Mullinder to RAF Honington as OC 237 OCU, June 8; M R Monks to MoD as SO to DFR, June 8; H B Lake to MoD (AFD) as OR 63 (RAF), June 12.
SQUADRON LEADER (acting wing commander): A J Featherstone to 6FTS Finningley as OC Ops, June 8.

Latest wills

Mr John Ravensdale Measures, of Skegness, left estate valued at £1,742,655 net.

Mr Christopher Sebastian Lambert, of Fulham, London. Kit Lambert, who helped to launch The Who rock group, intestate, leaving estate valued at £90,742 gross, nil net.

Other estates, include (net, before tax paid):

Black, Lady, of Goring on Thames, widow of Sir Robert Black .. £547,171
Brise, Mr John Kenneth Bailey, of Wilmington, Kent, garage proprietor £464,702
Naden, Mr John Arthur, of Buxton £215,831
Parr, Mr Tom, of Bristol, intestate £307,446
Russell, Mr Duncan Thomas, of Rickmansworth £616,420
Yates, Myra, of York .. £248,300

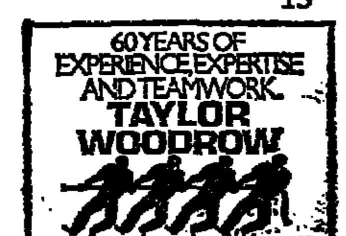
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IN BRIEF

£20m ships order for Hongkong

Two bulk carriers worth more than £20m will be built for a Hongkong group by the Sunderland company Austin and Pickersgill, British Shipbuilders announced today.

The 35,000-tonne carriers have been ordered by the C Y Tung group and bring the number of ships to be built in British yards for Hongkong owners to nine, worth about £75m.

Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of British Shipbuilders, said: "This is another splendid result of our marketing effort in the Fart East." He said it was encouraging that British yards were winning a substantial portion of a growth market. "This success justifies the considerable sales effort we have devoted to Hongkong and the Far East."

$5,000m is enough

International Harvester's $5,000m (£2,590m) debt restructuring package is large enough to sustain the company through the third quarter of 1982, even if the United States economy does not improve as forecast, Mr James C. Cotting, *chief financial officer*, said after a meeting in Chicago with representatives of 225 lending banks.

Aid brings orders

Orders worth £34.47m were *placed with British* industry in April as a result of grants and loans to developing countries made under the Government's aid programme. These included mine trains for Turkey from Clayton Equipment of Derby, and pit props and accessories for Turkey from Fletcher, Sutcliffe and Wild of Wakefield.

Yard faces collapse

Copenhagen's Burmeister and Wain shipyard is fighting collapse after the Danish Government refused credit guarantees for loans of between £5m and £7m for a few weeks. It was not satisfied that an order book for working lasting more than three years—believed the best in the world—would be sufficiently profitable.

Jordanian visit

Mr Walid Asfour, Jordan's Minister of Industry and Trade, begins an official five-day visit to the United Kingdom today as the guest of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade. The minister's programme will emphasize Jordan's interest in developing industrial estates and the importance of alternative energy schemes and conservation.

Chemicals gloom

Britain's chemical industry is in its worst position ever as firms struggle against slipping into the red, according to an ICC Business Ratios report, which examines the financial performance of leading companies over the three years to April 1980.

Pipeline delayed

The target date for starting up the Alaska highway natural gas pipeline has been delayed from November 1985 until sometime in 1986, according to Mr Harold Moles, vice-president of Northwest Alaskan Pipeline.

Scandinavian visit

Mr. John Biffen, the Secretary of State for Trade, starts a six-day visit to Scandinavia on Wednesday as part of a campaign to extend British trade links. He is to visit Sweden, Norway and Finland.

Car prices rise

Prices of Fiat and Lancia cars in Britain rise from today by an average 3.7 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively. Certain models are excluded from the increases.

Brazil coffee tax up

Brazil has raised its export taxes on both green and instant coffee. The tax on green coffee was raised $1 to $177 per 132-pound bag.

US unemployment

The United States unemployment rate rose to a seasonally adjusted 7.6 per cent in May from 7.3 per cent in April.

Oil link to reopen

Lonrho said its 300km oil pipeline between Umtali, Eastern Zimbabwe, and the Mozambique port of Beira could be working again in December. It has been out of action since 1965 after Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence.

Ministers fear enforced rise in MLR

By David Blake, Economics Editor

Government ministers will be watching financial markets anxiously today for signs of an easing of pressure for a rise on British interest rates. If there is no let-up, they may be forced to consider an increase in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate (MLR) possibly on Thursday.

An increase in MLR would come at a devastating moment politically for the Government, and economic ministers, led by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will try to resist. They made cuts in interest rates the centrepiece of their economic strategy in this year's Budget.

The fact that the market now *feels* that interest rates are more likely to go up than down is embarrassing the week before the Cabinet holds the first of three planned sessions on economic strategy.

Ministers will try hard to avoid an increase in interest rates before that meeting. They feel that domestic money considerations ought to be the deciding factors in fixing interest rates.

Although money supply figures to be published on Tuesday will be inflated by the effects of the Civil Service strike, ministers feel that the underlying rate of growth of the money supply is probably within their 6 to 10 per cent target.

Two powerful forces are pushing interest rates up, however. The first is the market, which pushed up interest rates on Treasury bills by a full percentage point on Friday to 12.4 per cent, which would suggest a 14 per cent MLR. The second is the desire to prevent a runaway fall in the value of the pound.

The Bank of England, fearing a new surge in inflation, has been pressing for government policy to take account of the need to prevent the pound from dropping too fast. Even the fall that has already occurred seems to make single figure inflation only a remote possibility before 1983.


Sir Geoffrey: leading resistance on interest rates.

Ministers hope that events will turn in their favour within a few months. United States interest rates, which have been the driving force behind the dollar's strength, may level off in the autumn. It is hoped that a recovery in the economy will cut the government deficit, easing the pressure on funding. And ministers hope that falling settlements in the next pay round will reduce the inflation rate in spite of higher prices caused by the pound's fall against the dollar.

In the short term, however, fears about sterling's future are making financing of the Government more difficult. Foreign holders of sterling are starting to sell gilt-edged Government stock as the first step in a move out of the pound. This depresses the stock's value and raises the interest rate that the Government has to pay.

France calls on America to reduce loan rates

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, June 7

France has followed West Germany in calling on the United States to reduce its interest rates because of the damaging effect of the present high levels on European economies.

The request was made during three days of talks in Washington between M Claude Cheysson, the new French Foreign Minister, and members of the Reagan Administration including Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, and Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary.

The American response to M Cheysson was sympathetic, as it had been to Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, when he visited Washington last month, but no promises were made. The Americans expressed the hope that interest rates would adjust themselves once the United States economy started to improve.

Despite the obvious differences between the Socialist Administration in France and the staunchly conservative one in Washington, the talks produced a broad measure of agreement on most international issues.

To underscore the desire of both governments to build on the good will produced by the talks, Mr Haig announced that Mr George Bush, the Vice President, is to visit Paris on June 24 to meet President Mitterrand.

The Americans seem pleased and relieved that they were able to be in harmony with the French Administration on so many issues. They were particularly struck by M Cheysson's strong denunciations of Soviet policy towards Afghanistan and Poland, and his support of the plan to deploy American medium range missiles in Europe.

However, there were differences over El Salvador. M Mitterrand's Government has shown sympathy with the country's left-wing guerrillas and has advocated involving the left in efforts to end the conflict.

CBI protest over Japan trade

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Business leaders are to impress upon Mr John Biffen, the Trade Secretary, their grave concern at rising Japanese imports particularly into Britain and into Europe generally.

A high-level delegation from the Confederation of British Industry, led by its president, Sir Raymond Pennock, and Sir Terence Beckett, CBI's director general, tomorrow will urge the Government to take strong and effective action along with its European partners to cut the growing trade imbalance between the EEC and Japan.

The meeting comes after the endorsement of a much tougher CBI line towards Japanese imports by last month's meeting of the organization's policy making council. This year the United Kingdom's trade deficit with Japan is likely to rise to £1,400m.

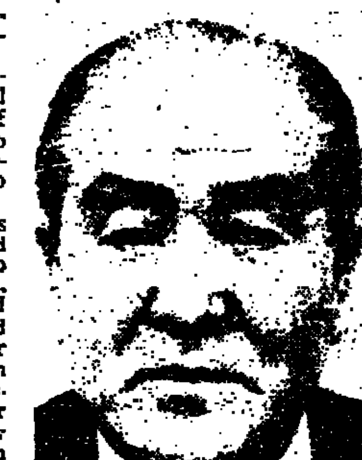
Tomorrow's discussion comes after the disappointing meeting last week between officials of the European Commission and Japanese trade representatives over the continued inroads being made into Community markets by Japanese imports.

Britain and other EEC countries are particularly worried by the possible diversion of Japanese car shipments to America after the recent agreement to cut car exports to North America.

A total of about 400,000 cars from Japan, which would originally have been shipped to the United States and Canada, could be diverted to Europe and EEC ministers have emphasized that they are seeking a similar curb to that negotiated between the United States and Japan.

The CBI's talks with Mr Biffen will take place just a few days ahead of the arrival in London of Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Japanese Prime Minister, who will have talks with both Mrs Thatcher and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary.

British ministers have expressed surprise at the CBI's tough posture towards the Japanese trade issue.


Mr Suzuki: facing EEC pressure for import curbs

Meanwhile, Dr Otto Lambsdorff, West German Economics Minister, arrived in Tokyo for a five-day visit at the weekend. Japan's car exports to the EEC and high United States interest rates are expected to dominate his talks with government leaders.

His visit precedes the Japanese Prime Minister's six-nation tour of West Europe from early next week and Mr Rokusuke Tanaka, the International Trade and Industry Minister's visit to European capitals starting late this week.

Japan is expected to decide its measures for car exports to the EEC by the time of Mr Tanaka's European tour after his talks with Dr Lambsdorff.

The employers' organisation has advocated a policy of acting with EEC partners to stem the Japanese import tide but has also said that, if necessary, Britain should consider the imposition of controls on imports.

On recent visits to Japan, CBI leaders have warned their counterparts that Japan must open her doors to more British and EEC goods and investment. There is little indication that Japan is prepared to accept.

BL improves to take 22.5 pc of British new car market

By Edward Townsend

BL captured more than 22.5 per cent of the home new car market last month with sales of 30,476, its second highest monthly total this year.

The company's success, which has delighted hard-pressed BL sales executives has come during a month in which *domestic sales, at 135,306,* were at their second highest May level since the 1973 oil crisis.

For the first five months of this year BL's market penetration was 20.63 per cent against Ford's 28.35 per cent and has given the company renewed hope of achieving its overall 1981 target of a 20 per cent share.

A further boost to the company's fortunes — which according to Sir Michael Edwardes, BL chairman, will not reach break-even point before 1982—will come shortly with the launch of the Triumph *Acclaim, the new saloon car* being built at Cowley in collaboration with Honda of Japan.

The latest sales figures issued today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that, despite the unexpected surge in sales of the last two months, the United Kingdom market remains depressed. In the first five months of this year, sales totalled 691,850, a fall of 7.2 per cent on the same period a year earlier, and the consensus in the industry is that this year's market will still fall below 1.4 million.

The one consolation for the home industry is that imports are continuing to decline.

In May, foreign-made cars took 51.54 per cent of sales against 56.61 per cent a year earlier. On a cumulative basis importers had captured about 58 per cent of car sales by the early summer of 1980.

But while the depressed market is affecting the so-called traditional European importers, Japanese sales in the United Kingdom are continuing at a high level.

In the first five months the Japanese market share was more than 11.3 per cent, which industry leaders, including Sir Michael, believe is not in accord with the stated intention by the Japanese of operating a "prudent" marketing policy in the United Kingdom.

BL's award winning Metro slipped back in the sales league for individual models last month to fifth place, behind the Ford Cortina and Escort, BL Ital and Ford Fiesta. The five-month figure, however, shows there is now a close race between the Escort, Fiesta and Metro with each model taking about 8 per cent of sales.

About 75,000 Metros have been sold since the car's introduction last October.

BL claims that the Metro's poor May performance, when it took only 5.5 per cent of the market, was due to the car's European launch which has reduced stocks available to home dealers and lengthened the United Kingdom waiting list. In contrast, the Ital had its best month and took 6.3 per cent of the market.

Talbot, which last week announced losses in 1980 of more than £75m, boosted its market share to 6.53 per cent in May while Vauxhall's was 7.54 per cent. Both showed an increase on the April figures.

In the much more acutely depressed commercial vehicle market sales last month reached their lowest May level for 22 years.

Truck sales were 17,774, a drop of 29.2 per cent on a year earlier and in the five months were down by 28.8 per cent.

Japanese import limit a 'token concession'

The head of the United Auto Workers' union in Canada, Mr Robert White, said in Toronto that Japan would still command its highest ever share of the Canadian car market next year, despite an agreement to cut Japanese car imports by 6 per cent.

Mr White said the deal was a "token concession" by Japan, and it was important to realize that it only put a one-year ceiling on imports, not on sales. —AP-Dow Jones.

Demand for control of 'flag' ships

Geneva, June 7.—Developing countries opposed to flags-of-convenience shipping have won a vote for an inter-governmental meeting to draft an international agreement giving states more powers over foreign shipowners and operators.

The shipping committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) voted by 49 to 18, with three abstentions, to reaffirm demands that vessels show a genuine link with the state under whose flag they sail.

The resolution, opposed by most industrial states, recommended that open registry states should tighten their conditions to transform these into normal registries.

The industrial states whose shipowners control most flags-of-convenience vessels said they regretted the issue had been forced to a vote. A West German spokesman, Herr Christoph Heinz warned UNCTAD that a decision which did not have unanimous approval could harm it as a negotiating forum on international economic issues.

Liberia, the major main flag-of-convenience nation and the state with nominally the world's largest merchant fleet, voted with the big industrial states. Belgium, France and Turkey abstained. Panama, the second largest "flag" state, said it would not take part in the vote because the special 10-day session of the shipping committee had failed to reach a *consensus.*

Opponent states argued that open registries, where ships paid tax on tonnage rather than profits, had blocked development of their national merchant fleets and gave them almost no powers against irresponsible shipowners because it was difficult to tell who owned or operated the vessels.

The resolution said that open registry states should tighten conditions "to become capable of exercising jurisdiction over ships flying their flags and making owners and operators accountable for standards and welfare of their crews."

The intergovernmental meeting to take place in the first half of next year would draft a set of principles governing manning, management, ownership, identification of owners and operators, and ways of making them accountable.

Mexican oil chief resigns over prices

Mexico City, June 7.—The head of Pemex, Mexico's state oil company, has resigned after internal government criticism of his decision to cut the price of Mexican crude oil.

The surprise announcement of Señor Jorge Diaz Serrano's resignation was made last night, only three days after the Pemex director general lowered the price of its oil exports by $4 to $30.60 (£15.90) a barrel.

Señor Diaz Serrano said: "As my decision to cut the price of crude did not meet unanimous approval in the economic Cabinet, and not wanting to constitute an element of discord, I prefer to present my irrevocable resignation as director-general of Pemex."

Trade sources said the price cut could mean a drop of up to $1,500m in the company's foreign revenue, which was projected at $20,000m this year.

Señor Diaz Serrano, a 60-year-old former engineer, took over Pemex in 1976 when Mexico was producing only about 500,000 barrels a day. That figure is now about 2.5 million, making Mexico the fourth largest oil producer in the world.

President José Lopez Portillo, a personal friend of the outgoing Pemex chief, named Señor Julio Moctezuma Cid to replace Señor Diaz Serrano.

Señor Moctezuma Cid, a 49-year-old lawyer and economist, was coordinator of development projects for the Government. He is also a former finance minister.

Señor Diaz Serrano had been widely tipped as among the front-runners to take over the presidency.

Shortly before the price cut decision, the Pemex chief said that oil prices probably would have to be lowered to remain competitive in the glutted world market.

Oil provided Mexico with two-thirds of its foreign revenue last year and trade sources said the Government was worried that slumping world prices might upset the country's planned economic growth of eight per cent this year.

Mexico had a current account deficit of $6,600m in 1980, and the sources said the country's gross borrowing target this year of about $13,000m might have to be raised to compensate for the expected oil revenue shortfall. Total foreign debt stands at about $35,000m.

Meanwhile, Qatar has reduced its daily oil production from 480,000 barrels to 400,000 barrels, according to oil industry sources in Bahrain. They said the 17 per cent production cut from June 1 was in line with an Opec decision to reduce the glut of oil on the market.

Representatives of Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, considered two of the more moderate Opec members, will meet in Geneva this week.

Caracas newspapers said that when Venezuelan President Luis Herrera travels to Switzerland on Wednesday, Señor Humberto Calderon Berti, the Energy Minister, and Señor Leopoldo Diaz, the central bank president will travel with him to meet with top Saudi oil representatives.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

MacGregor reviews steel plan

By Our Industrial Editor

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the British Steel Corporation has begun to draw up a review of BSC's corporate plan. This will be submitted to Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary, next month.

In the first two months of this financial year BSC was broadly in line with the targets laid down in its survival plan, which was endorsed by the Government.

Sterling's fall against the dollar should help exports, although a significant easing against the Deutsche mark would have a much greater impact.

Last year the corporation lost almost £660m, and received over £1,100m from the Government. This year it aims to cut losses to less than £320m and Mr MacGregor hopes to break even by the end of next year.

Plant closures and cuts in manning have reduced losses significantly, although market conditions remain depressed. Corporation executives have recently revised downwards their forecasts for British demand for steel products from about 12.5 million tonnes to 12 million tonnes in this financial year of the British Steel Corporation, than expected.

BSC last month closed its iron-making plant at Workington *in Cumbria. This was not* among the planned casualities of the corporate plan and steel industry unions fear that more closures and job losses are likely as a result of the corporate plan review.

Prior urged to curb trade union powers

By Rupert Morris

Further restrictions on the closed shop, closer definition of secondary industrial action and making trade unions more legally accountable for their members' actions have been demanded by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

They are the main features *of a paper submitted* to Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, by the association and released today.

The paper endorses Mr *Prior's step-by-step approach* and states in a foreword by Sir Monty Finniston, ABCC president, that the immediate priority is more modest adjustment within the present framework.

The association, which represents 54,000 companies through 85 local chambers, stresses the need for evolutionary reform, dealing with reality, not theory. Mr Prior is contemplating further changes to the Employ*ment Act this autumn.*

The paper, *Trade Union Immunities: Time for Action,* is a formal response to the Green Paper on immunities published in January. It says the Government's aim should be to introduce the principle into civil law that the immunity enjoyed by a union should not be greater than that enjoyed by an individual.

Dismissal of an employee for refusing to join a union with a closed-shop agreement should automatically be unfair, the paper says. The 1980 Employ*ment Act states such dismissals* should be unfair where the person refuses to join because of conscience or other deeply held personal conviction.

The ABCC also urges that the practice of some Labour councils to insert into contracts or invitations to tender a clause requiring the contractor to use only union labour should be regarded as a criminal offence.

The paper argues that procedural agreements should be legally enforceable

Another controversial suggestion is that where it can be proved that a union has actively supported an unofficial dispute, *it should be liable for any* losses.

On secondary disruption, the ABCC suggests limiting immunity to interference with only the commercial contracts of an employer in dispute.

Backing the inventions business

By Bill Johnstone

A growing number of "marriage bureaux" prepared to introduce inventor to marketeer or entrepreneur to financier are in evidence at this years "Business to Business" exhibition, which opened yesterday at Earls Court, London, and will continue until Wednesday.

The exhibition, sponsored by The Times and The Sunday Times, has grown from having 250 stands just three years ago to almost three times that size today.

The competition among local authorities trying to lure new industry to their areas is also very apparent at the exhibition. London, the North East, Wales and other regions are fighting to attract business.

Sharing one stand are the Greater London Council's London Industrial Centre (LIC) and the London Enterprise Agency. Both are prepared to advise the small, inexperienced *entrepreneur.*

The LIC is promoting its business advisory service, which has helped more than 2,000 companies to start up, find premises in London or find financial support.

Sugar chief urges bid rejection

By Rosemary Unsworth

The British Sugar Corporation, the subject of an unwelcome £201m bid by S & W Berisford, the commodity traders, has explained to its shareholders why they should reject the revised and final offer.

In a letter, Sir Gerald Thorley, the chairman, reminds them that his group's forecast profits and dividends are up by 43 per cent over last year and that British Sugar shares are undergoing a fundamental reassessment in the stock market.

"*It is only now that you are* beginning to see the effects of major investment in production capacity and the increase in market share which became possible after the United Kingdom joined the EEC. It takes time for the dramatic increase in the level of profitability, which is forecast at £49m in 1981, to be reflected in the share price," he said.

S & W Berisford's revised final cash offer of 335p a share came last week after Berisford attracted fewer than 1 per cent of British Sugar shares with its first 285p a share cash bid.

Sir Gerald also pointed out that British Sugar's borrowings should fall to around 23 per cent of net tangible assets by the end of the year. Berisford's borrowings in 1980, after the rights issue, were 60 per cent of net tangible assets.

He adds that not only the board, but senior management and employees' representatives and trade unions, all oppose the bid.

Move to stimulate private investment in Third World

World Bank president promises sweeping changes

From Frank Vogl, Lausanne, June 7

Mr A. W. Clausen, who takes over from *Mr Robert McNamara as president* of the World Bank on July 1, plans to change the bank. He intends to alter its financial structure, increase its efforts at stimulating private investment in developing countries, ensure that American politicians, in particular, know more about the bank and support it more, and instigate management changes.

In recent weeks Mr Clausen has seen Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Pierre Trudeau and other world leaders to discuss his new assignment. He has lunched with Mr Tim McNamar, the new United States deputy secretary of the Treasury and the prime architect of United States policies towards the bank, whom he has known for more than 15 years.

Mr Clausen, the former president of the Bank of America, says he would not have taken the job unless it was difficult, and he relishes the idea of being able to bring about change. How swiftly will he stamp his mark on the bank's bureaucracy?

He says with a twinkle in his eye that he is a cautious man, but adds that he knows how to make changes in a big organization and produce successes. He points out that in his decade at the helm of the Bank of *America the bank's assets* and *profits* both quadrupled. He has no intention of shaking the bank up on his very first day in office, but he hints strongly that within a few months he will have firmly taken charge and started making some substantial changes.

The private sector must play a much bigger role in the development process, he says emphatically. He recalls how the Bank of America was the first commercial bank to join the World Bank in cofinancing projects. He feels that bureaucratic problems at the World Bank, rather than at commercial banks, have hindered large-scale expansion of World Bank cofinancing programmes.

He plans to make swift changes here, calling on his commercial bank colleagues and assigning, perhaps, a set amount of the World Bank's budget for expanding cofinancing. He also wants to give very strong support to the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank affiliate most involved in stimulating private investment in developing nations.

He suggests that a priority will be reviewing the geographic distribution of the World Bank's lending and


Mr Clausen: Educating Americans on development needs.

determining, perhaps more forcefully than in the past, whether numerous bank borrowing countries could not in fact obtain funding for projects from the private capital markets, rather than from the bank. In this way the bank would have more funds available for the least developed nations.

Such countries as Brazil and South Korea, for example, could possibly find the World Bank less generous in the future, but Mr Clausen is not yet at the point of naming the nations he will be looking at most closely in *this context.*

He is deeply concerned that Americans, more than people almost everywhere else, seem desperately ill-informed about the World Bank and the need for development assistance.

He asserts that the bank must do more in the area of educating Americans.

Mr Clausen also leaves the impression that the bank will seek to become much more active in Africa, where he thinks development programmes may be more difficult to promote effectively than elsewhere and where the needs are enormous.

It is likely as well that China, the newest and largest member of the bank, will not be quite such a priority under Mr Clausen's leadership. He may want to see the Chinese rely more on private capital sources and on bilateral financing arrangements with individual foreign countries, than on the bank.

The chief priority of industrial nations today is fighting inflation, Mr Clausen says, while supporting President Ronald Reagan's policies. Official development aid levels, therefore are, are unlikely to grow rapidly and the World Bank must find ways to raise more cash in the capital markets.

Mr Clausen wants to see changes in the World Bank's articles that would enable it to lend more than the exact equivalent of its capital and so enable it to borrow more in the markets.

He also believes that a new source of funds for development could be generated through the creation of a World Bank energy affiliate and he says the United States authorities have not made a final decision on this issue. Making the developing nations more energy self-sufficient is going to be a priority for the bank under his leadership.

Mr Clausen praises the general competence of the World Bank's staff, but says that there are areas where more businesslike approaches are needed and inevitably there will be staff changes.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

After the fall in sterling . . .

When currencies move these days, they tend to do so by leaps and bounds, none of which makes life any easier for the economic planners and forecasters.

When the Treasury drew up its Budget forecast of inflation down to 10 per cent by the fourth quarter of this year (with a 2 per cent margin of error either way), it was assuming a constant foreign exchange value for sterling, at that time a good 5 per cent higher than it is now. Each 1 per cent fall in sterling's value is supposed to add about one-quarter per cent to the retail price index over a six to 12 months period, and more over the longer term. Many economists, however, assume that the "more" comes through rather faster than that. So it is little surprise that the gilt-edged market's inflationary expectations have worsened notably over the last few days, pushing long dated gilt yields above 15 per cent.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary at the Treasury, did, of course, say last week in the Commons that over the long run it is control of the domestic money supply that will determine the domestic inflation rate. (And to the extent that it can be interpreted at all, the May money supply indication, due out on Tuesday, is likely to suggest that the underlying trend of monetary growth this year remains on target.) The question, however, as the cost of imports rises sharply and companies find themselves borrowing more to finance stock, is whether the money supply can, in fact, be held on course, particularly at the present level of interest rates.

The Government is obviously loath to raise MLR without good cause, and will play things by ear a while longer yet. At the end of the day, however, it has few defences available to it to defend sterling, other than the interest rate weapon: it rightly recognizes that throwing the reserves into the defence of sterling is a fool's game. The key factor now is how far the market is prepared to drive the pound down. Does it believe that a $2 a barrel cut in the North Sea oil price is the end of that particular game? Does it guess from the sharpness of the pound's decline that the unpublished trade figures for the last two months have moved back into the red?

An interesting point at this stage is the behaviour of the Government's index-linked stock. After — perversely, one might say — falling in tandem with conventional stocks throughout May, the new stock began to come into its own in the second half of last week, rising off a "low" of 96 to close on Friday at 96½ where the yield is just under 2½ per cent. It may well be that a second tranche of this stock, which one might originally have expected in the autumn, will now come rather earlier. If it does, the interesting point will be how the authorities approach the marketing.

Trying to keep hard won export markets with an overvalued currency has been a nightmare for British exporters over the last year or more, so it was hardly surprising that the initial reaction of the equity market was to mark sharply higher leading exporters. Export profits, which admittedly account for less than a tenth of total UK corporate profits, slumped by perhaps two fifths in 1980; and rather more important for Britain's long-term prosperity marked a decline in our share of world trade.

But time lags in export markets are sufficiently long to make the effects of currency movements more drawn out than financial markets like to see. Thus, most forecasts indicated a further dip in export profits in the current year by some 20 per cent even on the asumption of an easing in the exchange rate simply because export volumes take time to adjust to parity movements. That realization started to percolate through to equities by the end of last week particularly as the first impact of the collapse in sterling is likely to be felt on industry's raw material costs through higher import prices.

Overseas profits, which account for just over two fifths of total profits, will be affected rather sooner. But with sterling showing little overall movement against the main European countries the benefit will be concentrated on those groups with big US interests like Imperial, Hanson Trust and Grand Metropolitan. Currencies in the old Commonwealth areas, like South Africa and Australia, whose strong economies have been the backbone of overseas profits for many UK groups recently tend to follow the US dollar rather than sterling so there will be a double bonus here. So far as export markets are concerned, it has to be remembered that British companies will be fighting for shrinking amount of business with forecast growth in the OECD area, for example, likely to be under 1 per cent with the further restrictive measures already this year.

By last Friday, the initial euphoria had evaporated in the equity market as it gradually sunk in that the precipitate fall in sterling would not produce any dramatic transformation in British industry's fortunes. Sterling's decline is, however, likely to have an important effect on investment strategy in the medium term.



Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury: "In the long run it is control of the domestic money supply that will determine the domestic inflation rate".

Portfolios this year have tended to be structured around recovery prospects in the heartland of British industry but it now looks as though currency hedges will have to be included. That may as well lead to further overseas investment over and above the sizable flows in the wake of the ending of exchange controls particularly as the immediate prospects for the British economy as inflation picks up are now much worse than other overseas economies. Old currency hedges like the overseas traders could come back into fashion. The conventional wisdom that oils will continue to be dull still seems right especially after last week's cut in the North Sea price but banks and financials look as though they will be benefiting from high interest rates for some months yet.

Thomas W. Ward's final offer for Tunnel closes today and although Ward already has nearly 42 per cent of the votes from adding to its original stake with market purchases, the odds still seem against its succeeding.

The arrival on the scene of RTZ, which now has more than one-tenth of Tunnel or just over 7 per cent of the votes, stopped Ward picking up any more shares in the market. Of course RTZ's motives are far from clear but its presence adds weight to the already persuasive arguments for rejecting the Ward offer.

Composite insurers

A shock to the system

Eagle Star's hostility to what it sees as the plunder of its assets by Allianz is as understandable as the German group's desire to take advantage of a weak share price to gain a bridgehead in one of Europe's more profitable markets. Nonetheless, Allianz's raid on the Eagle Star equity could prove the best news in years for long-suffering shareholders in British composite insurers.

Although prices came off the top on Friday, shares of most groups closed the week with gains of more than a tenth after a prolonged period of underperformance. This reaction is only partly due to hopes that a takeover spree could be in the offing in the European insurance field although it has been suggested — and denied — that Eagle Star was considering a link-up with Royal.

More importantly, last week's dawn raid has drawn the market's attention to the huge discount to net assets at which insurance shares have been trading. Such recognition is likely to have come too late for Eagle Star with tomorrow's tender offer designed to raise Allianz's stake to 29.9 per cent already looking something of a foregone conclusion, even though the price ceiling of 290p compares with an asset value claimed to be 450p.

But the reasonable hope must be that the Allianz move will shake directors elsewhere into defensive action — hopefully of a more constructive nature than that displayed by Commercial Union last week when it warned off predators by quoting American state insurance regulations. CU shares probably stand at a discount of around 40 per cent to assets as do those of Sun Alliance, while in the case of Phoenix the discount is probably more like 50 per cent. The reasons of course are various not least that the return on insurance funds has shrunk alarmingly in the face of ferocious competition in most markets brought on by the attaction of high investment returns on premiums.

But with premium growth slowing, many of the leading composites are looking over-capitalized. Solvency ratios, which insurance company directors seem to regard as virility symbols, are already at historically high levels thanks in part to the strength of equity markets while rights issues like Royal's recent £116m call and Guardian Royal Exchange's £76m issue will, at least temporarily, depress overall returns on insurance funds even further.

Patrick Knight

Coffee prices: a taste of things to come from Brazil?

São Paulo

Brazil is now gathering in its best coffee crop for the past sixteen years and the fourth best of all time. At the end of it, 32 million bags will have been harvested. The crop puts the coffee agreement worked out in London last October by 42 coffee producing nations and 68 consuming countries in some danger. But it may be good news for coffee drinkers.

Brazil's quota under the agreement was for only 14.5 million bags, plus an extra 2 million for countries outside the agreement. But the Coffee Institute in São Paulo has already said that it will press for the quota to be raised to 17 million bags at the next meeting in September.

Last October's coffee agreement, which has been under discussion for several years, envisages a cut in the quota of each country should the price drop below a floor of about $1.15 a pound. This device is aimed at causing a shortage, so pushing up the price again.

Prices have been dropping and the global annual export quota has already been cut so that it is now under 53 million bags. The total world crop, on the other hand, is likely to be about 90 million bags and, as there are already stocks of about 30 million bags around the world, the question arises whether the hard fought agreement can cope.

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Brazil believes that some African countries have had their quotas set higher than they should be, at her expense, but no doubt the African countries think otherwise.

The increased Brazilian crop will not automatically mean lower consumer prices from now on, but there are many long-term reasons why there should be downward pressure on prices in spite of efforts by producers to keep them up.

For a start there is now no likelihood of a repeat of the disastrous frosts of 1975. Those frosts destroyed or damaged almost a third of Brazil's 3,000 million coffee bushes and sent prices into a mad spiral.

This is no longer a worry. The coffee bushes in the states of Parana and São Paulo, where frost sometimes strikes hard, have not been replanted, but have been replaced by soya and sugar cane. One thousand million bushes have replaced them in the state of Minas Gerais and, apart from being free of the dangers of frost, the young Minas Gerais bushes are far more productive than those growing anywhere else.

Even, therefore, if there were a harsh frost this month or next (the winter months in Brazil) at worst only a third of the bushes would be at risk. The other, more productive, two-thirds would be almost immune. In any case, a frost would not now affect this year's crop — it would be the flowering for the 1982-83 crop which would be at risk.

Brazil expects to produce a steady 29 million sacks a year from now on, frost or no frost, and because of the parlous state of her balance of payments pressure is building up for her to export more, even at a lower price.

Not that increased export markets will be easily won. American coffee consumption has not risen at all in the past 30 years, despite a 20 per cent increase in population.

Coffee drinking in EEC countries, which now take 42 per cent of all coffee, has not risen much either, despite higher standards of living and population increases.

Either there is a large potential coffee drinking market to be tapped or it could mean simply that drinking habits have changed and these markets have reached saturation.

Producers here are paid about $100 for a 60 kilo bag for their coffee, which gives a good margin for traders, even after paying for transport and stocking. But costs are rising, and there are even those who say that it will not be sensible for Brazil to plant labour-intensive coffee in future, but to leave it to lower cost countries in Africa.

But labour is cheaper and more abundant in Minas Gerais than it was in São Paulo and and Parana, so that particular problem has been postponed for some time. Picking machines are being introduced on some farms where the topography is favourable, but although one machine can do the work of a hundred men, they are very expensive and only the largest farms can afford them.

In the last analysis, it is the dollars that coffee can earn which matter. So it would not be surprising, as production and stocks rise, to see a downward tendency in price, compensated for by significant rises in the amount of coffee actually consumed. Brazil's bumper crop should be good news for coffee drinkers.

Robin Young on opportunities offered by the Companies Bill

Making life harder for cheats

Now that the flow of legislation designed to protect consumers has virtually ceased, consumer organizations are disappointed that the Government has not taken the opportunity afforded by its Companies Bill, which goes into committee in the Commons tomorrow, to help them in some important respects.

What has upset the consumer lobby most about the Bill is the Government's determination to abolish the Registry of Small Business Names. The Consumers' Association, the National Consumer Council and the National Federation of Consumer Groups are united in a campaign to save the registry and have recruited to their cause such diverse supporters as the Newspaper Proprietors Association, the confederation of British Industry, the Press Council and the Institute of Trading Standards Administration.

No one claims that the register, which originated in 1916, is perfect. The principle behind it is that anybody carrying on a business in something other than their own name should register the particulars, so that the public may know with whom they are dealing.

Enforcement is admittedly at something of a low ebb. Many cowboy and fly-by-night operations are not registered. Some traders of the sort most likely to bilk the public find it convenient to have a clutch of undisclosed aliases.

The register has nonetheless been a useful starting point for aggrieved customers and investigative journalists alike, intent on exposing the activities of rogue traders. Banks tend to insist that small businesses with which they deal register as they are legally required; and the register while not reliable or complete, has by no means ceased to function.

The Government intends to abolish it to save money. The register's defenders say that it should be made effective and self-supporting, first by increasing the registration and search fees, which have remained unchanged since 1916.

The Government, instead, will require fuller disclosure of the details of proprietorship on business stationery, letterheads and so on. The chances of tracking down the dishonest minority by such means are distinctly remote.

In the Lords committee stage the Government was actually defeated on the issue, thanks to the stalwart interventions of consumer champions such as Lady Elliott of Harewood and others. To the confoundment of the consumer lobby the Government then put the whips on in the Lords (almost unheard of) and reversed the decision on report.

It remains to be seen whether there are any on the Conservative benches in the Commons who will speak up for the public's right to know which individual or company is trading and under what name.

There is another matter on which the Government even at this late stage might make amends. Section 188 of the Companies Act 1948 empowers a court winding up a company or convicting directors of fraud to ban the individuals concerned from holding any other directorship for five years. There has to be misconduct, fraud or other criminal offence involved.

The Government (to its credit) is extending this power to magistrates' courts, where most such cases are now likely to be prosecuted. At the same time crown courts and the Chancery division of the High Court will be allowed to extend their bans to 15 years. But the basic rule of the Companies Act — that it applies only to cases involving misconduct or crime — remains.

Under section nine of the Insolvency Act 1976 the same sort of ban can be imposed on anyone who has been a director of two limited companies which have gone into liquidation due to insolvency within five years of each other, if he was entirely or largely to blame for at least one of the failures since October, 1977.

The Insolvency Act is unhelpfully silent about who should enforce this provision, so it is left to the Department of Trade. In fact since the Act was passed only two directors, both in the same case, have been banned from holding further directorships because of repeated insolvencies.

Yet it is a notorious scandal in many trades (building, double glazing, central heating, car sales among them) that when one company goes out of business owing people money, the directors carry on in the same line of business via another company they have set up, perhaps to go insolvent again with more creditors unsatisfied on each occasion.

Repeatedly on Mr Roger Cook's radio programme, *Checkpoint*, on Miss Esther Rantzen's *That's Life* on television, in the columns of *Private Eye* and elsewhere, cases are reported of companies bilking their customers — companies whose directors have been doing the same for years via a succession of companies which have, in turn, each gone bankrupt.

A business insolvency can be worse for the customers than the owners, who are protected by limited liability.

So what can be done in a situation so clearly unsatisfactory to consumers? Would the Government perhaps consent to an amendment to its present Bill which would say that on the failure of a company owing to insolvency within five years of another involving the same director or directors those individuals should be automatically disqualified for five years from holding any more directorships, unless they can satisfy the Department of Trade or a court that they should qualify for dispensation?

Such an amendment will, almost certainly, be presented in committee. Unless the Government can bring themselves to accept something of this form, we must await the report of the Cork Committee on insolvency with inevitable delay before legislation can ensue.

Some directors will have bankrupted a lot more companies, and lost their customers a lot more money, before that.

British printers begin to fight back

When Thomson Local Directories launched itself into the publishing of 200 local directories in the United Kingdom by the end of 1982, it looked likely that all the printing would be done overseas. The British printing industry is now hopeful that this will no longer happen.

Late last month Thomson British Holdings promised a positive purchasing policy towards British printers, after an initiative from the National Economic Development Office's printing industry sector working party. The sector working party hopes that this will be the first of many such moves by British publishers to bring back printing lost to overseas companies.

Thomson Local Directories has now agreed to split its directory production between United Kingdom and foreign printers, but there is some scepticism whether Thomson will allow its books and magazines to be won by British printers.

The fight to win work back will be a hard one, as history and market prospects are stacked against United Kingdom printers.

A small amount of work has always gone abroad — and always will where a good price or prospective market beckons. Book publishers gain considerably by printing in the market to which they intend to sell.

The major shift in the trend of printing leaving the country came last year, when the strength of sterling saw a large flow of printing work, mostly books, go to the United States and the Far East. Print-buyers, until then sedately content with their United Kingdom printers, found themselves forced to find printers overseas if they were to match their overseas-produced competitors.

Publishers lose some control of production if it goes overseas — correcting proofs becomes more complicated and transport is a problem — yet overseas prices beckoned.

What worries United Kingdom book printers is that British publishers are developing the habit of printing overseas, with good international communications easing the shift.

Once overseas, several publishers found not only a price advantage, but also better quality production. British equipment is not so different from that overseas, but foreign printers appear to use their equipment more productively and print buyers find better quality control abroad.

On the other hand, British printers complain that publishers comply with far more stringent production control themselves than they do when using the familiar British house down the road. "At least we should be allowed to quote on equal terms", one leading book printer said.

Greater flexibility of manning overseas in pre-press production allows productivity levels which United Kingdom printers are struggling to match. Overtime working is also more common abroad, as shift-work premiums are far lower than in the United Kingdom.

The biggest single blow to the gravure industry has been the withdrawal of all its print from the United Kingdom, by the British Mail Order Corporation.

On price, one of Britain's leading mail order catalogue publishers gives the example of printing a 48-page section of a full colour catalogue with a print run of 2.2 million. The price will be between 8-10 per cent higher in the United Kingdom than on the Continent, including the cost of freight.

Periodical publishers have printed abroad for many years, but to date this is practical only for monthly publications. So far, weekly deadlines have been the United Kingdom printers' ally.

Printing overseas is attractive, with favourable paper pricing — United Kingdom prices consistently rising above rates which overseas markets accept. Paper can represent between 40-55 per cent of production costs. There is also duty free access to the United Kingdom.

German and American printers are themselves suffering from over-capacity and are filling their presses with British publications at marginal costs.

The Far East, too, can offer highly competitive prices for labour-intensive short-run colour printing, because labour costs are low.

A price survey in March showed that for publishing a 496-page full colour book United Kingdom printing tenders were consistently the highest of seven European countries. The lowest United Kingdom quotation of £2.40 per book was above the £2.37 highest tender from all the other countries and almost 50 per cent higher than one Spanish printer's tender.

The sector working party has done much to raise awareness in the home industry that it is competing in an international market and a growing understanding between unions and management is working to cut costs and raise productivity.

The United Kingdom's struggling book printing sector is meanwhile asking for government support and financial help under section 8 of the 1972 Industry Act, but as yet to no avail.

Slackening of the exchange rate will bring some improvements: work which was only marginally beneficial to place abroad could well return when their present contracts expire; and, as the United States economy recovers, there will be less surplus printing capacity to offer United Kingdom publishers.

A rise in the home economy could rejuvenate the potentially large direct mail market with catalogue printing.

Catalogue publishers, however, are adamant that work will continue to be placed overseas unless price and quality on offer from gravure printers improves. This also appears to be the case with the rapidly expanding directories market.

With the slimming of the industry through redundancies and closures, United Kingdom printers can now begin to offer internationally competitive prices.

Many of the industry's problems are deep-rooted, often lying with its management, which the sector working party found has largely failed to identify its markets and actively attack them.

It has taken the recession and the highest redundancy levels in the industry since the 1930s to bring management and unions together in a common appreciation of their difficulties, and recognition of the need to find solutions jointly.

Peter Sheridan

Business Diary profile: ICL's new champions

If there is a measure of detachment at the helm of ICL when the flagship of British computer manufacturing announces disastrous half year profits today, it is because the two most important men within the company can claim no responsibility for its substantial losses.

Less than four weeks ago, after days of frenzied and highly secretive Cabinet manoeuvres, Christopher Laidlaw became the new executive chairman of ICL and Robert Wilmot his managing director.

The rescue bid by the Government has been with the firm intention of keeping the company in British hands. The appointment of Laidlaw and Wilmot followed close on the heels of a £200m government loan guarantee after the company had reported losing £20m in the first three months of this year.

The dynamic duo clearly do not intend to allow the grass to grow under their feet, judging by the speed with which they announced a reduction in the ICL workforce. Last Friday, after but three weeks in office, ICL gave notice of 5,200 redundancies out of the company's 31,000 employees.

Why should two successful executives of their standing take such a gamble with their careers and take on one of the most demanding tasks in British industry? The answer is not easily found.

Laidlaw has come from British Petroleum where he has been deputy chairman since January, 1980. He was passed over for promotion to the chairmanship of the oil company in favour of Peter Walters who takes over from Sir David Steel at the end of November.

When challenged about it on his first day at ICL Laidlaw claimed that it came as no surprise and his decision to join ICL was not affected by it.

Laidlaw is the front-man and the one who will be subjected to most of the political criticism when the going at ICL gets rough, which it undoubtedly will. But he is highly experienced in walking the political tightrope between industry and Whitehall.

He is the classic hybrid, who has been chosen not only for his management skill but because he was as acceptable to the decision-makers in the Civil Service as he was to the financiers in the City.

He has little computer background and critics have suggested that someone with more technical knowledge of the industry should have been appointed. Laidlaw does not duck such criticism, but points to his experience with British Petroleum, a substantial user of computers.

But it is to Wilmot that Laidlaw will turn when the questions become technical and decisions have to be made requiring an intimate knowledge of the computer industry. Wilmot, 36, was highly prized at Texas Instruments, where he was managing director of the American company's British operation.

His career gives the impression of being that of a man in a hurry. The speed of the announcement of the ICL redundancies is a testimony to how quickly he is used to acting.



Laidlaw (left) and Wilmot, heroes to the rescue of Britain's computer industry?

Wilmot has had only one employer since graduating in electrical engineering from Nottingham University in 1966. But that one employer, Texas Instruments, moved him about frequently over the years.

Before becoming head of the British operation of Texas Instruments he was based in Nice as technical director and was then transferred as divisional manager for professional calculators to the company's consumer products group headquarters in Lubbock, Texas.

Only twelve years after graduating he was made managing director of Texas Instruments Limited and two years later, at the age of only 35, he was to receive a professional accolade enjoyed by only one Englishman before him. He was promoted to be assistant vice-president of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

The career of Christopher Laidlaw is in sharp contrast to that of Wilmot. He is a graduate in languages, educated at Rugby School and St John's College, Cambridge.

After serving in Europe and the Far East during the war he joined BP in 1948. By 1961 he had returned from an assignment in Germany to become regional co-ordinator for Northern Europe.

His first job as director was in 1965 with Shell Mex and BP. A number of other directorships followed and in 1972 he became a managing director of BP. Eight years later he was appointed deputy chairman of BP and in March this year he became chairman of the newly formed BP Oil International.

Laidlaw and Wilmot are very different personalities linked by their apparent willingness to put their careers on the line. Laidlaw is self-assured and chairs meetings with the style of a political veteran. On the day of their appointment Wilmot gave the impression of being quiet, bordering on the shy.

The two executives had met many times before the appointments were completed. The sympathy between them was supposedly a factor in their acceptance.

They may get their place in history — or in the Hall of Shame. Time, luck and their own talents will decide.

Bill Johnstone

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Consolidated Crdts	12%
C. Hoare & Co	*12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams and Glyn's	12%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 9%, up to £50,000 9¼%, over £50,000 10¼%.

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Zeus-Hermes could seek USM quotation

By Catherine Gunn

Independent computer software specialist Zeus-Hermes will go for a share quotation on the Unlisted Securities Market if it meets targets of £2m annual turnover and pretax profits above £200,000 that it has set itself for 1982.

This year the recession is likely to contain profits to just a modest improvement on the £174,000 made before tax in the year to December 31, 1980 on turnover of £1.61m. That represented a strong recovery in spite of the recession from losses of £209,000 before tax the previous year, when the company came to grief after some over-hasty expansion.

After a thorough revamp and the closure of two operations, Zeus-Hermes seems to have bounced back and claims to have re-established itself as Britain's major independent software house.

Mr Mick Punter, chairman and managing director, said yesterday that once the basic turnover and profit targets set for 1982 are met the group will seek an injection of capital to continue growth, and will probably offer around a quarter of the equity for sale in conjunction with an application for a USM quote. The current net asset value of the group is £499,000, or 312p a share.

About one fifth of Zeus-Hermes's business is derived from products for use in ICL computer systems. Past problems at ICL have not harmed Zeus-Hermes's business, Mr Punter said, although the company will be watching the latest developments at ICL carefully.

Grindley of Stoke losses exceed £2m for year

Grindley of Stoke (Ceramics), a Newman Industries subsidiary, made a £2.2m pretax loss last year compared with £1.6m loss in 1979.

Turnover at the earthenware maufacturer was up by more than half from £8.2m to £12.5m in 1980 but trading losses amounted to £2.2m. Interest paid went up from £428,000 to £991,000 and there was a £110,000 charge for hire of plant as well as a charge of £96,000 in directors' fees compared with £64,0000 the previous year. Auditors' fees amounted to £49,000 against £25,000.

The preference dividend is paid and, as in 1979, there is no ordinary dividend. Loss per share was 128p against 83p.

And Mr John Williams, chairman of parent company, Newman Industries, said in his annual statement that the opening months of 1981 had bought some relief in exchange rates but sales showed a decline in real terms from the period 12 months earlier.

He also asked shareholders to approve a £43,000 payment to Mr Roger Baldwin, who resigned as executive director and vice-chairman in April. He is now a non-executive director.

Grant Bros sharply lower

Grant Brothers, the Croydon-based department store group, has passed the final dividend after increasing its losses last year.

The pretax loss rose from £60,000 to £344,000 in the 53 months to January 31, 1981 compared with 52 weeks in 1979. Turnover rose slightly from £9.7m to £10.5m including VAT which went from £660,000 to £850,000. Leased department sales were up marginally from £2.2m to £2.3m.

The group's tax credit increased from £58,000 to £256,000 and the attributable loss was £62,000 against 1919's £148,000 profit, after an extraordinary debit of £6,000 compared with a £116,000 credit and the transfer from the property revaluation reserve of £31,800 compared with £32,000.

Brandeis sold to Pechiney

A definitive agreement has been reached for the sale by Mercury Securities' subsidiary, S. G. Warburg, of the Brandeis group to two international trading subsidiaries of Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann.

Brandeis is a wholly owned subsidiary of Warburgs. The principal activities of Brandeis and its subsidiaries are metal trading and refining. The amount realized by Warburgs will be related to the consolidated net assets of the Brandeis group at May 31 and is expected to be about £30m.

Simon Engineering acquires US base

Simon Engineering has acquired all the issued equity of Koger & Boxill, a privately owned company based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a consideration of $2.93m (above £1.4m). In addition, a further sum related to a profit-based cash earn-out may be payable in June, 1984, resulting in a potential total consideration of $5m,

Shareholders told of Moran group plans

Mr D. Bryans, chairman of the Christopher Moran Group, has written to shareholders about the extraordinary general meeting to vote on the disposal of the group's underwriting agencies to Stenhouse Holdings.

Mr Bryans points out that the cash balance fell from £8.9m to £2.7m in three months last year because of the loss of broking business after the suspension of Mr Moran. He says that the group plans to preserve and rationalize its assets until the present prob-

News International lifts Collins stake

News International has fractionally increased its stake in publishing house William Collins & Sons to 31.3 per cent of the ordinary shares and just over 5 per cent of the non-voting A shares.

News International paid 200p a share for the additional ordinary shares, the price on offer to all Collins shareholders in its £22.75m bid

Strong cash flow is key at Courtaulds

Brokers' views

Undeterred by the £100m of extraordinary charges which swamped the full-year figures from Courtaulds, Mr Christopher Marsay, of Grieveson, Grant, rates the shares a buy. Mr Marsay points to the strongly positive cash flow revealed in the figures which he regards as the key issue.

Although current trading remains depressed, he sees the trend as marginally favourable, and he is forecasting £55m of pre-tax profits this year. Overall he bases his recommendation on the encouraging longer-term prospects.

Also in the wake of figures —this time accompanied by an £82m rights issue—Mr George Priebe, of Panmure Gordon, has been examining BOC International.

Mr Priebe says the first-half figures, profits rising from £31.1m to £33.4m, were in line with expectations, and growth in the second half is likely to be faster. However, the figures will be hit by further rationalization costs of between £7m and £8m. He expects the full-year pre-tax figure to be £68m, an 11 per cent increase.

But he rates the shares a hold/sell, pointing out that the shares fell 16 per cent in the month before the interims and that the issue will continue to depress the price relative to the sector.

In contrast, Messrs Paul Diggle and Michael Villeneau, of Sheppards and Chase, see the recent weakness in the price as a good opportunity to buy the shares. The interim figures were slightly below their estimates but they are forecasting £76m for the year and £90m for next year.

Another follow-up to a rights issue comes from Manchester brokers Charlton Seal Dimmock. This time it is the £4.14m issue by the English Association Group. The brokers believe the latest issue reinforces their view of the company as a well managed and fast growing system of profit centres. They strongly recommend take up of the rights.

Buy recommendations for two brewers come from Campbell Neill. The brokers forecast pre-tax profits growth from £66.4m to £73.4m at Whitbread, which they reckon is sufficiently well managed and efficient to continue to produce good results in spite of the gloomy outlook for the industry as a whole. The brokers do not expect fireworks in the short term from the shares, but recommend them as a long-term investment.

The other brewer is the small Thames Valley company Morland & Co which the brokers recommend in spite of its demanding rating. They point out that its beers are cheaper than the national brands and its outlets are in a prosperous area of the country.

Capel-Cure Myers comes out with a firm buy recommendation for Hawley Group, the company arising from the merger of Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Leisure and Provincial groups.

The brokers reckon the combined group is making profits at the rate of £4.3m annually, though adjusting for this year that should result in a pre-tax figure of £3.3m on sales of £46.5m.

Capel-Cure is convinced that the merger is logical and in the best interests of the two companies and with a capitalization of £30m it is now large enough to attract the attention of institutions which might otherwise have disregarded the component parts as too small.

Bryan Appleyard

Cautious City eyes on Metal Box and ICL

This week

The week starts today with results from two large manufacturers — Metal Box and ICL — both bearing the scars of recession.

Since City forecasts have already taken most of the year's damage into account, the market is not going to be too deeply shocked by either results. But what will be closely watched is how the month-old new management team appointed at ICL will treat the group's trading losses, its reorganization and redundancy costs (to which more were added on Friday) and whether these will be taken into account now or in the second-half. City opinion is diverse and few analysts are willing to hazard with any certainty just how the balance sheet will be presented. Overall, however, most estimates point to a £30m loss, with no dividend.

Questions that the City wants to have answered are whether there will be leasing equipment write-offs, the extent of the debt burden, indicators for present order intake and how far customer's confidence has suffered from the past trials. Further, the board's own diagnosis of ICL's troubles will be eagerly awaited.

Metal Box shocked the market last year when its interim pretax profits were slashed to £10.5m from £34m and the dividend halved at a time when the City thought it was on course for the previous year's £60m profits. So analysts are more cautious this time with a range of forecasts, between £20m and £30m. Most estimates are looking for a middle figure of £27m with a reduced final dividend, but again results depend on whether further reorganization costs are to be taken. At the half-way stage Metal Box took the £9.4m redundancy and reorganization costs above the line.

Although the economic climate is still proving tough for the group—with sales hanging on consumer demand—the board has stated that its cost base has been reduced by £30m in the last year. This gives analysts optimism that the group can steer a better course this year—perhaps with profits of £40m to £50m.

Mr Derek Palmer, chairman of Bass

Bass reports interims on Tuesday against a background of still depressed beer sales but cheering results for the sector last week from Allied Breweries. As usual the picture will be clouded by property disposals and by the first time inclusion of Coral which is expected to be in for three three months. Because of the seasonal nature of Coral's business analysts are expecting it to contribute a loss of about £1½m to £3m leaving profits net of property disposals at around £47m to £50m compared with £46.8m. Bass is expected to raise the interim dividend from 3.29p gross to about 3.57p.

On Wednesday results are due from Westland Aircraft. Pretax profits are expected to show a modest increase to about £12.5m for this interim, with either a maintained or slightly higher dividend. Last year Westland improved profits by 76 per cent to £26.9m after a testing period of heavy provisions on the Lynx helicopter and hovercraft contracts. Present trading depends on whether Westland can go ahead with the joint development replacement work for the Sea King helicopter project with the Italians—the group is waiting for government approval.

Pilkington Brothers report on Friday and estimates continue to be about £75m to £76m given at the mid-way stage compared with the last full year £91.4m recorded.

TODAY.—Interims: Canadian Pacific, Durban Roodepoort Deep, East Rand Proprietary Mines, ICL. Finals: Anglo-Indonesian, Associated British Foods, Blyvoor Gold Mining, Metal Box, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Warren Plantations.

TOMORROW—Interims: Archimedes Investment Trust, Bass, Carr's Milling Inds, Deelkraal Gold Mining, East Driefontein Gold Mining, Vectis Stone, Vlakfontein. Finals: Brownlee, Caffyns, Capper-Neill, Country and New Town Properties, Doornfontein Gold Mining, Kloof Gold Mining, Kloof Gold Mining, LCP Holdings, Libanon Gold Mining, Thomas Locker, J T Parrish, Sketchley, Venterspost Gold Mining, West Driefontein Gold Mining.

WEDNESDAY: Interims: Elson &Robbins, Thomas French & Sons, Hanson Trust, United Spring & Steel, Westland Aircraft. Finals: Barlow Holdings, Cullen's Stores, Electra Investment Trust, B Elliott, Geevor Tin Mines, Great Portland Estates, Pegler-Hattlersley, London & Oversees Freighters, Northern Goldsmiths, and H. Samuel.

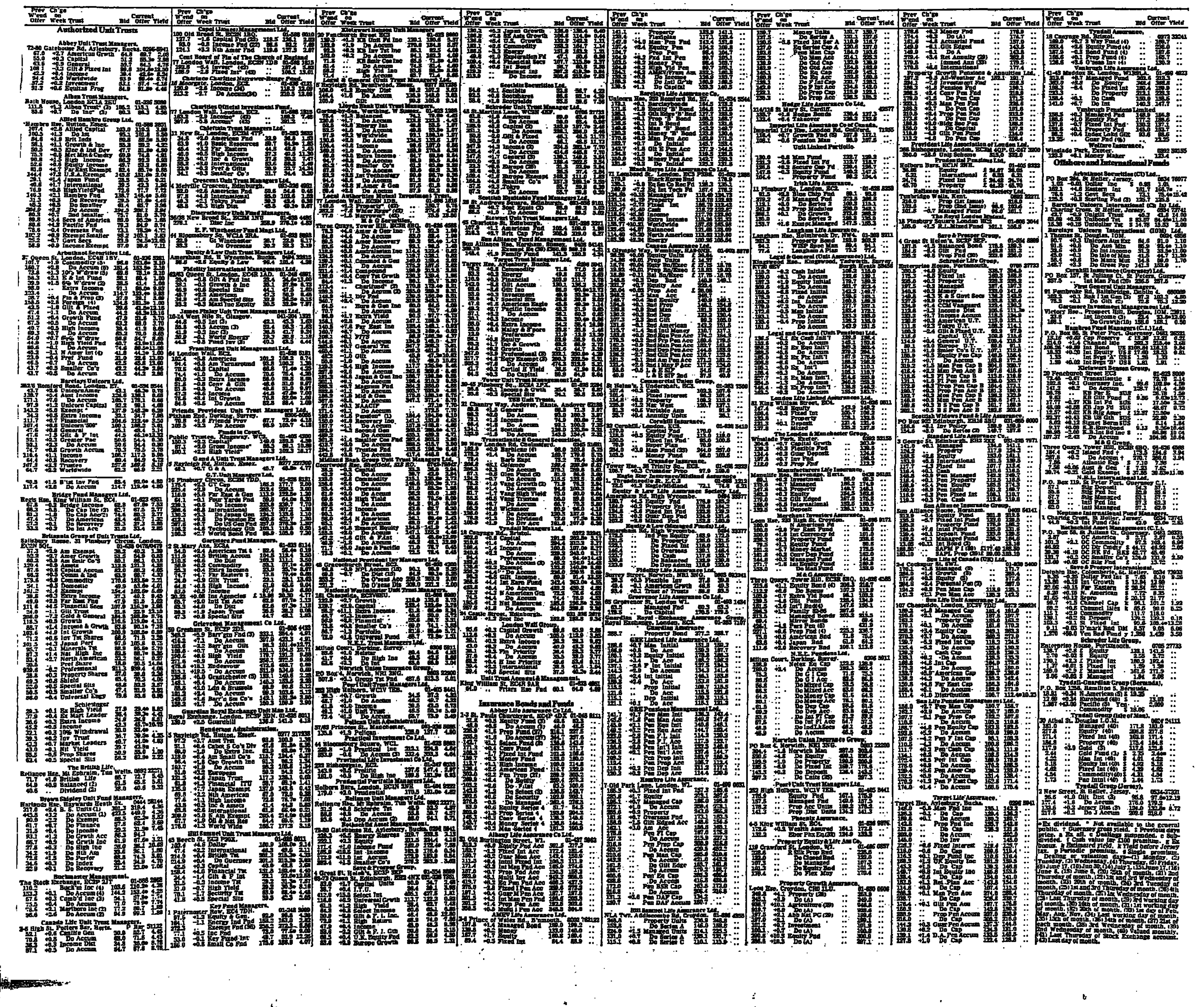
THURSDAY—Interims: Burco Dean, Fairline Boats, Sidlaw Inds. Finals: 600 Group, Ariel Inds, Brown Shipley, Continuous Stationery, James Finlay, Hill Samuel, Plysu, Stavely Inds, Valor, Henry Wigfall.

FRIDAY—Interims: Chemring, Grootvlei Proprietary Mines, Arthur Guiness, Marievale Consolidated Mines, Tomkinsons Carpet. Finals: John Beales Associated, British Benzol Carbonising, Brown & Jackson, Pilkington.

Margareta Pagano

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

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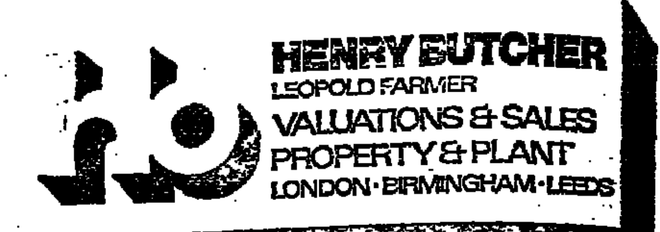
Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 1. Dealings End, June 12. § Contango Day, June 15. Settlement Day, June 22

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)



Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
74.9m	Utd States Deb	109	+1	8.0	7.3	..
21.8m	Utd States Gen	270	+3	15.0	5.6	..
38.0m	Viking Res	95	..	1.1	1.2	..
72.9m	Westpool Inv	74	..	1.4b	1.9	..
127.5m	Witan Inv	149½	+4	5.4	3.6	..
15.8m	Yeoman Tst	129	..	9.1	7.1	..
2,130,000	Yorks & Lancs	35½	● −1	2.9b	8.1	..
8,389,000	Young Co Inv	129	..	8.6	6.6	..

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
97.8m	Brit & Comm	302	−3	17.9	5.9	7.8
51.2m	Caledonia Inv	291	−5	17.9	6.1	..
38.9m	Fisher J.	171	+1	3.1	1.8	13.8
8,870,000	Jacobs J. I.	38½	..	3.3	8.5	16.5
151.8m	Ocean Trans	135½	+6½	12.9	9.5	6.3
188.9m	P & O 'Dfd'	133½	+3½	11.4	8.6	8.4

MINES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
366.5m	Anglo Am Coal	£15	● −½	62.6	4.2	..
1,584.3m	Anglo Am Corp	699	−16	48.0	6.9	..
921.9m	Ang Am Gold	£42	−¾	653	15.6	..
456.2m	Anglo Am Inv	£44⅝	−1	509	11.4	..
35.6m	Anglo Transvl	£20	..	144	7.2	..
35.6m	Do 'A'	£20	..	144	7.2	..
683.4m	Asarco	£20¼	+¼	60.0	3.0	..
8,433,000	Beralt Tin	73½	+1	7.1	9.7	..
184.5m	Blyvoors	£7[illegible]	..	195	25.5	..
19.0m	Bracken Mines	136	−11	38.8	28.5	..
211.7m	Buffelsfontein	£19¼	−¾	419	21.8	..
—	CRA	263	+20	..	..	..
257.7m	Charter Cons	231	+6	12.0	5.2	..
923.2m	Cons Gold Fields	495	−7	33.6	6.8	..
1,261.7m	De Beers 'Dfd'	392	−1	43.0	11.0	..
106.2m	Doornfontein	£10⅝	−½	133	12.5	..
23.1m	Durban Rood	£9[illegible]	−[illegible]	261	26.3	..
4,699,000	East Dagga	126	−16	8.3	6.6	..

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
76.9m	Wereldhave	£21	..	125	5.9	12.1
2,441,000	W'mster & C'ty	73½	+2	4.6	6.3	5.9

RUBBER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
52.6m	Barlow Hldgs	112	+3	4.3	3.8	..
14.9m	Castlefield	498	−2	8.6	1.7	..
282.8m	Cons Plant	61	+3	3.5	5.7	..
1,237,000	Doranakande	163	● ..	4.3	2.6	..
262.2m	Guthrie Corp	827	−36	42.9	5.1	..
363.9m	Harrisons Malay	218	−2	11.4	5.3	..
246.7m	Hghlds & Low	83	+7	3.0	3.6	..
4,500,000	Hongkong	£10	..	54.3	5.4	..
6,103,000	Kuilinghall	775	+25	20.0	2.6	..
60.5m	Ldn Sumatra	360	●r−32	11.4	3.0	..
16.7m	Majedie	103	+2	3.2	3.0	..

TEA

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,861,000	Assam Frontier	158	..	14.3	7.2	..
11.5m	Camellia Inv	455	..	7.1	1.6	..
12.6m	McLeod Russel	313	−2	21.4	6.8	..
951,000	Moran	272	..	4.6t	1.7	..
796,000	Surmah Valley	90½	● −3½	3.2	5.2	..
22.6m	Warren Plant	215	+7	14.3b	6.6	..

MISCELLANEOUS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
2,338,000	Calcutta Elec	32½	+4	6.8	20.8	..
1,217,000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£34	..	500	14.7	..
14.7m	Gt Nthn Tele	£20	−3	146	7.3	7.4
260.8m	Imp Cont Gas	193	−13	10.1	5.2	9.1
936,000	Milford Docks	120	+2	9.8	8.2	..
3,704,000	Nesco Inv	175	..	10.0	5.6	..
—	Sunderlnd Wtr	£33½	..	500	14.9	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 TO 1967 WEATHERLOCK Limited. Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required on or before the 14th day of July 1981, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of 374 BENTINCK STREET, LONDON W1A 3BA the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 2nd day of June 1981.
K. D. GOODMAN, Liquidator.

IMOGEN HASSALL DECEASED. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Imogen Hassall of 17 Crooked Billet, Wimbledon, London SW19, who died on the 16th November, 1980 and Grant of Probate to whose Estate was granted to Robin Moray Perrot of 9-11 Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HQ are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interests to the undersigned by 17th August, 1981, after which date the Executor will distribute the Estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interest of which they have had notice.
Dated the 5th day of June, 1981.
GOODMAN DERRICK & CO. (Ref. RMP),
9-11 Fulwood Place,
Gray's Inn,
London
WC1V 6HQ.
Solicitors for the Executor

In the Matter of RIVIERA CARAVANS Limited By Order of the High Court dated the 17th day of December 1980 Mr E. C. SHERWOOD, F.C.C.A. of E. C. Sherwood & Co., 2a Kidderminster Road, Croydon, CR0 2UE has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
Dated this 1st day of June 1981.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
General Charity—Messina Cemetery Fund
Scheme for the amendment of a previous Scheme Ref 104831-L1
The Charity Commissioners have made an order establishing a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1., quoting the reference above, and may also be seen at that address or within one month from today at the British Consulate General via F Crispi 122, 80122 Naples, Italy.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—The Praed Trust
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a SCHEME for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 152850-L1) at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—The Bequest of W R Holmden to the Helena Home for Invalid Ladies
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a SCHEME for this charity which will vary its objects. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 236627-A15-L1) at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

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NW5.—2 rooms. £20 & £25 p.w. in quiet house near tube, use of garden. Tel. 267 3330.

LIVELY 3rd person, Prof m/f 24+ for comfortable house in Archway. Own room. All facilities. £115 p.c.m. excl. Tel. 372 0769 evenings.

NR. GREENWICH PARK.—3-6 months, room for male, under 28. Lux. 5-bedroom house. £25 p.w.—858 9947 eves.

S.W.4.—Own room in large flat, nr. tube, £25 p.w. excl.—Please phone 253 3737 (day).

W.1. OFF BAKER ST.—Large room for man in mixed flat. £11 p.w. Returnable deposit £1,100.—Tel. 935 5016 after 6 p.m.

LARGE DOUBLE ROOM.—Lux. house, central Richmond for couple/2 m/f. £200 p.c.m.—948 2463 after 6.30 p.m.

W.1. (BAKER STREET).—Girl to share apartment. Two rooms, kit./bath. Fully equipped and serviced. Colour TV. CH. £240.50 p.c.m. all inclusive.—723 4512 after 6 p.m.

KENSINGTON FLAT.—2 beds, CH. £320 per month. Suit 2 girls. Avail. 13/6.—Tel. 789 5401 eves.

S.W.3.—Girl 25+. Own room in mixed shared house. £125 p.c.m. inc.—352 0031 (after 5.30 p.m.).

CHELSEA.—Mixed flat, single room, £30 p.w. excl., & male share room, £20 p.w. excl.—Tel day 499 8501, ext. 53, eves. 351 2706.

W.8.—Girl 25+, own large room in luxury flat, £35 p.w.—01-937 0255 eves.

YOUNG MUSICIAN seeks prof. girl to share flat.—202 4876.

S.W.7.—3rd girl share mews house, own room. Non-smoker preferred. £30 p.w. excl.—370 7438 eves.

BATTERSEA. Girl, own room in mixed 3 bedroomed house with owner. Off Queenstown Road. Good bus route. £25 excl. Available now. 622 7047 eves.

BELGRAVIA. 4th bedroom in maisonette. £30 p.w. and s/c furnished 3-room flat, k. & b. nr. Vauxhall. £65 p.w. 730 7710/5532.

KEW. Mature person, own room. T.V., constant hot water, pref. non-smoker. £18 p.w. excl. 568 2177.

4TH male for mixed prof. Chiswick house o/r c.h., £25 p.w. inc. 995 4574 after 6 p.m.

FLATSHARE.—213 Piccadilly, 734 0318. Professional people sharing.

S.W.11.—2nd person wanted, own room in luxury flat: £20 p.w. 228 9372.

FLATMATES.—313 Brompton Rd. Selective sharing. 589 5491.

SHARE A FLAT (est. 1958) for profs.—175 Piccadilly, 493 1265.

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W.11.—S/c studio flat. £36. L.H. —734 0518/937 6261.

W.14.—Super new 2 bed. flat. Sleep 3/4. £105 p.w. 335 1086.

W.1.—Flat, 1 dble. bed., 2 dble. receps., k. & b. Good decorative order. £90 p.w. Crouch & Lees. 493 9941.

SLOANE SQ.—Elegant flats, lounge, 2 bedrooms, k. & b. C.H., Tel., Long let. £100/£145.—730 8933.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—South facing flat overlooking square. £95 p.w. 584 4940.

CHELSEA.—3 dble. bed. flat close Sloane Sq. & river. Open outlook. £110 p.w. Priory. 948 0870.

CHELSEA.—Elegant 2 room flat. Short let now £85 p.w. 351 1414.

OVAL.—Flat £55 p.w., quiet square, s/c, neatly furnished, 1 bed., 1 recept., k. & b., gas C.H., walled garden, 1 minute Tube. Co let preferred. 720 7144.

KENSINGTON, W.8.—Luxury double suite, private bathroom, self catering, C.H.W., lifts. Suit overseas visitors. Phone 01-602 £250.

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SHORT SUMMER LETS.—Superb serviced flats in modern style, Knightsbridge 1 bed., recep., k. & b., £250 p.w. Kensington 2 bed., recept., k. & b. £400 p.w. Aylesford & Co. 351 2383.

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S.W.10. — Chelsea / Kensington. Good 3 bedroom maisonette with modern kitchen and bathroom, good quality gas c.h., all machines; £130 p.w.—Ironsides. 581 2470/5343.

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CHELSEA, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Belgravia.—Luxury houses and flats available for long or short lets. Ring for current list.—Cootes, 828 3651, 69 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

KENSINGTON.—A super luxury furnished flat, 2 double beds, large recep/diner, 2 baths, American kit, 24hr porterage. Company let only, 1 year min. £180 p.w. Quorum, 01-440 9944.

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BEST CHOICE of flats, houses, all areas/prices. — City Accom. Bureau. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 236 8691.

LUXURY.—3-bed town house: £150 p.w., close West End.—Curzon Estates, 01-223 7662.

W.2 (5 mins. Marble Arch).—Luxury 3-bed maisonette: 1-2 years company let. £95 p.w. —01-723 3086.

E.7. — Large, comfortable flat: o/r, 2nd person, £32 p.w.—248 4891.

HAMPSTEAD FLAT.—4-bed, 36ft. lounge/diner, £180 p.w. to inc. heating.—H.S.M., 01-263 7484.

HAMPSTEAD HEATH (5 mins.).—Splendid 4-bed., 2 bath., mod. town house: £170 p.w.—H.S.M., 01-263 7484.

BARONS COURT, W.14. — Mansion flat, super lux., will suit a co., to house a family of 4; avail. 6 months: £170 p.w.—S.A.S., 404 5711.

KINGSTON HILL.—Elegant town house, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms; available 1 year initially. £600 p.c.m.—Southern Properties, 0252 724138.

ATTRACTIVE newly dec. flat in garden sq.: 1 dble. bed., recept., kit. and bath.: £85 p.w.—Hunters, 837 7365.

FLAT WANTED. — Professional couple seek s./c. flat, furn/unf., long let; preferably central London: refs.: max. £300 p.c.m.—Write Box 0487 G, The Times.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—2 beds, sitting room, patio, k & b, £99 pw. also 1 bed, sitting room, k & b, £77 pw: use of large private gdns.—Phone 581 1873.

KEW.—Attractive well situated town house, 3 beds, 2 baths, furnished. £140 pw.—Ring 940 3573.

CURZON ESTATES require flats/houses.—225 4793.

W.8.—Fantastic view over Holland Park, 2nd floor flat in ultra mod block, 2 dble beds, recep, k & 1½ baths. Rent £200 pw neg.—Allen Bates & Co. 499 1665.

MAYFAIR.—Super luxury flats, 2 dble bed, recep, k & b. Fully serviced. Week +. Credit cards accepted. Rent £300 pw.—Allen Bates & Co. 499 1665.

ST JOHN'S WOOD.—Charming gdn flat, 1 bed, dining, lounge, gas C.H. Close to station. £85 pw. —Luxury Lets Ltd., 01-328 9846.

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BELGRAVIA.—Luxury furn flat overlooking gdn. 2 dble beds, 2 baths, dble living-room, superb kit, porter. £275 pw.—01-235 2909.

WANTED by 2 profs, s/c 2 bed flat SW area.—Tel 623 9232, extn 27 (days), 543 0446 (eves).

HOLLAND PARK.—In quiet attractive square, self-contained flat in lovely house. 1 room, k & b, £60 pw.—01-602 4463, after 7 pm weekdays.

CHELSEA.—Most attractive sun filled Dble bed flat, lge recep. with own terrace, mod. kit + wash mach, and bath + shower. £110 p.w. inc. LRS 584 5857.

HOLLAND PARK.—Newly decorated house, 3 beds, dble recep, k&b. Terrace and garden. Available 3 years £160 p.w. Ridley. 581 6391.

CHELSEA GARDEN SQ.—Very spacious 3 bed flat. £185 p.w. ... 3025.

ICELANDIC pianist seeks accommodation in or around London for 1 year from mid July. Own instrument. References. Tel: 01-723 7875.

BAKER ST.—Lux. furn. flat, 3 bed., C.H. Sleeps 4. From £175 p.w. 935 6819.

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Commercial Property by Baron Phillips

Attracting investment at home and abroad

Two more services aimed at attracting both private and institutional cash into the property sector were launched this week. One is designed for small investors who want to invest money in UK property and the other is for people seeking overseas investments.

An ambitious scheme was unveiled this week in the muted opulence of the Howard Hotel when two youngish estate agents presented their plans for providing an alternative investment fund. Ian Lerner and Martyn Meade disclosed plans for their Property Investment Co-ownership Trust (PICT).

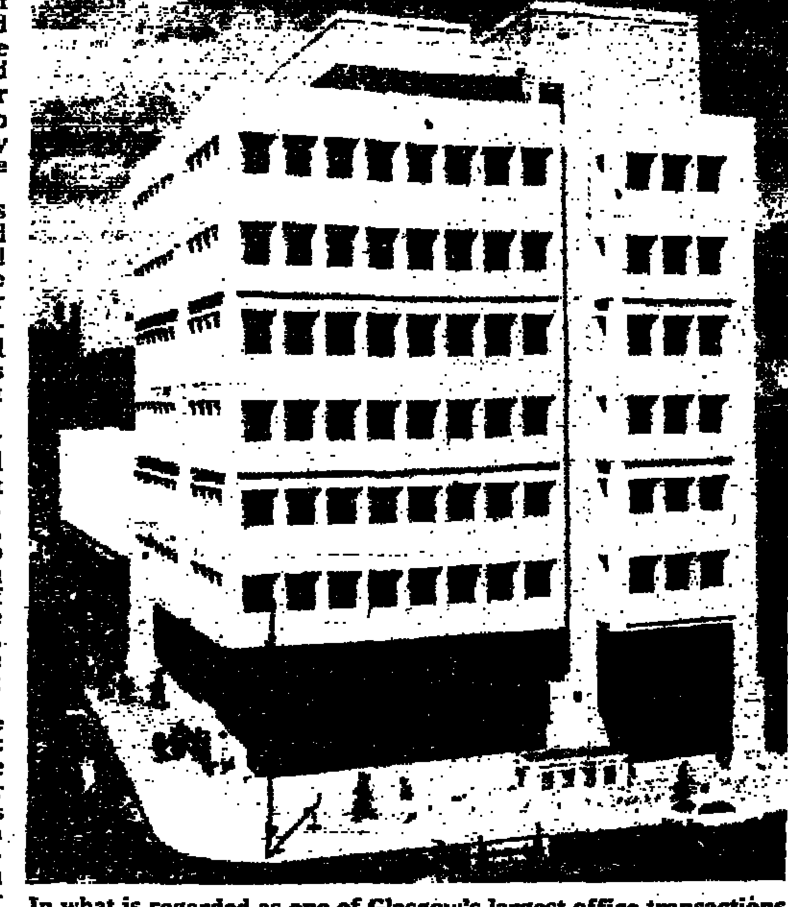
It is principally designed for private investors and small funds looking to invest a part of their cash in property. Unlike a property unit trust, PICT will invest money into specific properties rather than attract funds into a portfolio of investments. Although, as the two men admitted last week, what they are offering is a highly specialized property unit trust.

Basically the trust works like this. PICT locates a specific property — a small office building, a parade of shops, or a warehouse — and then sells "units" or percentage shares in the investment. A private individual can invest the minimum amount of £25,000 for a 20 per cent share in a warehouse, and in return he will receive one fifth of the gross income.

The scheme is equally attractive to a small pension fund which wants to put 15-20 per cent of its funds into property.

PICT is already in the process of finalizing its first purchase: a small retail investment consisting of seven units which it is buying for £150,000. Mr Meade said last week that the gross yield after the trust's fees will be 14.71 per cent — a high return compared with prime yields which for shops are as low as four per cent.

Each trust which is formed for every investment is expected to last for ten years.



In what is regarded as one of Glasgow's largest office transactions this year, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive has leased the whole of the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society's 40,747 sq ft Consort House scheme on the corner of West George Street and Dundas Street in Glasgow. Rent was close to the £4.25 a sq ft asking price. Jones Lang Wootten and Weatherall Green & Smith acted as letting agents.

Purchases will be of property in the £100,000-£1m range and funds for the scheme are likely to come from a variety of different sources. PICT has the backing — and presumably seal of approval — of Barclays Bank, whose trust department will undertake the role of custodian trustees.

The Trust has already achieved a certain measure of success as it has attracted enough investors to pay for its acquisition. A 10 per cent fee, over and above the purchase price, will be paid to the trust which covers management charges and all acquisition costs.

While on the surface a scheme of this kind appears to be extremely attractive to the small investor, there is a small, nagging doubt. Although individual trusts will be established for each property acquired, they are expected to run for a decade. This poses the question: what if an investor wants to liquidate his stake in the trust? The answer is not entirely clear.

PICT say he is free to sell his share on the "open market" or they will contact potential investors on their books to see if it can be sold that way. This may or may not work and an investor could find himself "locked in" to a trust for a lot longer than he wants.

There is also the slight problem of what an investor's share is actually worth when he comes to sell. According to the PICT prospectus there will be annual valuations of properties, but this may only be a guideline and it could be difficult to assess the value of a stake for sale purposes.

Perhaps both Mr Meade and Mr Lerner, together with Barclaytrust, might like to make the onward sale of share stakes in the properties a little clearer.

A lot has been said about property investment in the United States. It has attracted a great deal of publicity since the abolition of exchange controls. An American company, American Universal Investment Co (Amunivest), is offering a location service for funds seeking United States property investments.

It is based in Ohio and offers farm, commercial and industrial properties for purchase by overseas funds and investors. According to the agents in this country, Amunivest mainly specializes in the acquisition of farm investments through Opekasit.

Operations of this kind need extremely careful scrutiny, but Amunivest could provide the sort of investment service some funds and institutions are looking for if they are not already using established British agents and surveyors with offices in the United States.

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BIRTHS

ATO.—On 5th June, to Ato Rinpoche and Alethea (nee Maruneau)—a daughter.
CADELL.—On 3rd June to Teresa and Ian—a daughter.
DAUKES.—On June 4, at Royal County Hospital, Winchester, to Camilla (nee Trasenster) and Clendon—a daughter (Rose-Anna).
DAVIS.—On 4th June at the Westminster Hospital to Angela (nee Fortune) and Michael—a daughter, a sister for Katie.
ELLEFSEN.—On 5th June at Southlands Hospital, to Carole (nee Elphick) and Peter—a son, Benedict James Olaf.
EVANS.—On June 4th, in Bristol, to Elizabeth (nee Morgan) and Charles—a son.
HART.—On 4th June at the Westminster Hospital to Christina and David—a son.
HOLDEN.—On May 22 to Pamela (nee Dunbar) and Michael—a son, Jonathan.
HUNT.—On June 5th, 1981, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Anne and Charles—a son (George).
JACOBS.—On June 2nd to Jennifer (nee Landauer) and Gaskell—a son, a brother for Georgina.
JOHNSON.—On 31st May at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Priscilla Lesley (nee Berridge) and Nigel Aubrey—a daughter (Sally Georgina), a sister for Philip Edward.
KILLINGLEY.—On June 5th to Kathie (nee Harding) and Mike—a son, Jonathan Michael.
MINTER.—On June 2nd, to Nicola (nee Buckingham) and Roy—a son, a brother for William.
PLATT.—On May 28, 1981 at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, to Margaret (nee Wilson) and John—a son, Robert Charles William, a half brother for Amanda and Jonathan.
ROGERS.—On 6th June in Milan to Toi (nee Necchi della Silva) and David—a daughter (Francesca Cluny Margaret), a sister for Ludovica.
RYDER-SMITH.—On June 4th, in The Middlesex Hospital, to Rosalind (nee Scarfe) and John—a son (Thomas Anthony).
SALE.—On 6th June, to Caroline (nee Hunt) and Nigel—a daughter.
THOMPSON.—On June 2nd, to Judy and Nigel—a son (David Patrick), a brother for Edward.
WITTET.—On 1st June, 1981, at 7 Belford Park, Edinburgh, to Roselyne and Ian—a son (Pascal).

BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTINE MOSS is 21 Today! Congratulations and love from all the Family.
KATIE NEWBY is 18 today. Congratulations and love from Mummy and Daddy.

MARRIAGE

THOMAS : STODDARD.—On Saturday, June 6th, at St Mary's Church, Bryanston Square, Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs V. H. Thomas, of Fareham, Hants., to Jocelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. R. Stoddard, of Bryanston Square, London.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MAYHEW : RAYNER.—Olive and Sidney, on June 6th, 1931. They now live at 33 Monckton Court, Strangways Terrace, London, W14 8NF.

DEATHS

BANISTER.—On June 5th, 1981, peacefully in her sleep, Ethel, aged 97 years. Dearly loved by all her family and many friends. Cremation service at the West Norwood Crematorium, Norwood Road, SE27, on Wednesday, June 10th, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to The Friends of Bolingbroke Hospital, London, SW11.
FULLER, GEORGE MICHAEL. Lieutenant Commander (retired), Royal Navy.—On June 4th, 1981, peacefully, in Weybridge. Funeral at St Mary's Oatlands, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, at 3.30 pm. on Thursday, June 11th. No flowers.
GOWING.—On June 3, 1981, in Auckland, New Zealand, Eric Austin, Bishop of Auckland, 1960-1978, aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Muriel (nee Sherwood Jones) and father of Michael and Peter and grandfather of Luke, Daniel, Tom and Samuel. The funeral has taken place.
HERBERT.—On 5th June 1981, in a car accident, in Queensland, Australia, Charles Peter, aged 22 years of Upper Helmsley Hall, York, only son of Jane and Peter and brother of Mary Anne.
JONES, BILLIE (nee Cooper).—On June 5th, so deeply mourned by her loving family and many friends. Cremation Golders Green, Tuesday, June 9th, 10.50 am.
LODGE.—On June 3rd, 1981, suddenly at 44 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Wilts, Henry Albert Lodge aged 65 years. Dearly loved husband of Jeanne and dear father of Heather, Janet and Vivien. Funeral Wednesday, June 10th. Private cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to A. E. Smith & Son, Queen's Drive, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 22023, or if desired, donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1.
MACARTHUR ONSLOW.—On June 5, peacefully in Sydney, Violet Marguerite in her 102nd year, widow of Brig. Gen. G. M. Macarthur Onslow of Camden, N.S.W., Australia. Beloved mother of Faith, Lloyd Phillips, grandmother of Hugh and great-grandmother of Clare, Edward and Julian.
OAKES.—On Saturday June 6th, 1981, peacefully at her home, Dale House, Nassau, Bahama Islands, in her 88th year, Eunice Lady Oakes, widow of Sir Harry Oakes, First Bt., mother of Nancy, Baroness von Hoyningen-Huene, Mrs Shirley Oakes-Butler and Mr Harry Oakes, grandmother of Sir Christopher Oakes Bt., Miss Felicity Oakes and Miss Virginia Oakes, Alexander Freiherr von Hoyningen-Huene and Mrs Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jnr., Mr Harry N. Oakes, Mr Philip Oakes, Miss Bianca Oakes and Mr Michael Oakes, grandmother of Miss Greta Oakes and Master John Alexander Roosevelt.
RICHARDSON.—On June 6th at the Clementine Churchill Hospital, Harrow, Madeline Amy, widow of Wilfred Richardson, daughter of the late Willie and Frances Vyner and sister of Beryl.
ROBERTS.—On 4th June, peacefully in hospital, after long illness with much pain, bravely borne, Eric Charles, husband of Mary and dear father of Alison. Service at Worth Crematorium, 10th June at 3.45 pm. No flowers.
SHACKMAN.—On 5th June, 1981, Ralph Shackman of Motts Farmhouse, Chilton Street, Clare, Suffolk, husband of Ida Mary, formerly Professor of Urology, Royal Post-graduate Medical School. Funeral private, donations if desired to Royal Post-graduate Medical School.
SMALLWOOD WILLIAM FRANCIS.—Daywell St., Clair, died 28th May. Service at St. Lawrence Church, Bigbury, Devon at 10.30 a.m. Friday 12th June, followed by Cremation. Flowers to the Church or to the Funeral Director, Earl of Plymouth PL2 1AL.
STEEL, RICHARD GREVILLE ACTON.—Aged 77, on Friday, 5th June, suddenly and peacefully at home, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. General service on Thursday 11th June, 2.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Southrop, Glos. Cut flowers only to the Church.
STEVENSON.—On June 4th, 1981, peacefully, Grace Delap, of Croevedonnell Farm, Londonderry, N.I., sister of the late Colonel R. C. R. Stevenson.
TOMSON.—On 5th June, suddenly in Leiden, Holland, Arthur, musician and scholar. Enquiries to Roscoe, 0865 46004.
TWINING.—On June 5th, 1981, peacefully, in Oxford, Georgiana Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late Stephen, much loved mother of Sam, Margaret and Jean, and greatly loved grandmother. Arrangements for the funeral on the Isle of Wight, to be announced later.
WRIGHT, JAMES WILLIAM and Dorothy.—Lately of London SE25 and recently of Oxford, died on June 3rd and May 16th. Parents of John, Doreen and Tony. Funeral Tuesday 9th June. Enquiries please to Oxford (0865) 773844.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BENSON.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Leslie Foster Benson will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St., on June 11, at 2.30 pm.
MENNELL.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Peter Mennell, C.M.G., M.B.E., will be held at Christ Church, Christchurch Road, SW14, at 2.30 pm on Friday, June 19.

IN MEMORIAM

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PERSONAL CHOICE



Anne Kirkbride is Deirdre Langton, William Roache plays Ken Barlow and, seated, Jack Howarth as Albert Tatlock in tonight's episode of Coronation Street (ITV 7.30 pm).

● PANORAMA (BBC 1 8.10 pm) presents two strong items tonight. In one, Robin Day cross-examines Sir Thomas Hetherington, who has been Director of Public Prosecutions since 1977, about the more controversial decisions made by his office in his name. In addition, Sir Robin tries to find out from Sir Thomas what his criteria are when the decision to prosecute is a borderline case. The other item is an edited version of a French-made film shown in France earlier this year and highly acclaimed. The film, Behind the Curtain, was made at great personal risk by Anton Fournier who doubled as director and cameraman, and it illustrates the everyday life of modern Muscovites. Among those interviewed is a man driven, by the thought of a poor, empty existence in the provinces, to pay 1000 roubles (about £650) to marry a girl from Moscow he had never met in order to obtain a Moscow resident's permit; another, a salesman, explains how he illegally moonlights in order to increase his meagre salary. As well as the interviews there is film of other ordinary people in the parks, amusement arcades, schools, streets and shops of the Soviet capital.

● WOMEN'S HOUR (Radio 4 2.02 pm) leaves the comfortable confines of Broadcasting House today and journeys north to Carlisle. One of the guests that Sue MacGregor introduces from the Hilltop Hotel is Tom Purdham. Never heard of him? Well, he claims to be the world's greatest liar — but who can believe him? He is demonstrating his art, if that is the right word, to the invited audience but it will be up to them to decide whether he is telling the truth or not. Also included in the programme is a discussion on the theme of England's green and pleasant land in which a panel consisting of David Helland of the Cumbrian NFU and Joy Ketchen from the Cumbria Naturalists Trust answer questions on the problem of preserving wildlife and landscape in the face of more intensive farming.

● CHANGING HABITS (Radio 4 11.05 am) is a welcome repeat of a programme about nuns — both Catholic and Anglican. Frances Donnelly interviews some of these saintly people to find out why they took the veil and, in some cases, why it was ultimately rejected. What comes over well from the intelligent interviewing is the undeniable sincerity of them all and the emotional suffering of those who chose to leave.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; ★ BLACK AND WHITE; (r) REPEAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am Open University: Organic Chemistry. 7.05 M101/32 Catastrophe Theory. 7.30 Oil: It all Depends. Closedown at 7.55.
10.15 For schools, Colleges: Music Time. 10.40 Mind Stretchers. 11.00 Tricks with Light. 11.25 You and Me (not Schools) (r). 11.40 Spanish studies. 12.00 Building a Bridge. Closedown at 12.05 pm.
1.15 News.
1.30 Heads and Tails. Home is a hole (r). Closedown at 1.45.
2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Words and Pictures. 2.40 Working away from home. Closedown at 3.00.
3.15 Songs of Praise from St Anne's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Belfast, introduced by Seamus McKee (shown yesterday at 6.40 pm). 3.55 Play School. For the under-fives (shown earlier on BBC 2). 4.20 Cheggers Plays Pop. Competitions, games and live pop music introduced by Keith Chegwin.
4.40 The All-New Popeye Show. Two cartoons featuring the indestructible lascar. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. To mark the bicentenary of George Stephenson's birth, Simon Groom visits Matlock in Derbyshire where the Peak Railway Society is preserving an old steam locomotive. 5.35 Paddington (r).
5.40 News read by Richard Baker.
5.55 Nationwide. Regional current affairs plus Watchdog, Hugh Scully's weekly look into complaints of bureaucratic abuse.
6.50 Ask the Family. In the last of the quarterfinal quizzes the Arnolds of Tilehurst pit their general knowledge wits against the Olivers from Poole. Robert Robinson is the referee.
7.15 Blake's Seven. Avon and Vila fight for their lives, each not knowing who is on their side (r).
8.10 Panorama presented by David Dimbleby. Robin Day talks to Sir Thomas Hetherington, and there is a showing of the highly acclaimed French documentary, Behind the Curtain (see Personal Choice).
9.25 Moviola: This Year's Blonde starring Constance Forslund. A dramatisation of the early career of Marilyn Monroe.
11.00 Max Boyce. The Welsh entertainer in concert at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. His guests are Therapy (r).
11.30 Managing the Micro. Brian Redhead examines the role of the microchip in industry today (r).
11.55 News headlines and weather.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Cymru/Wales: 1.30 pm-1.45 Pila pala. 3.15-3.50 Songs of Praise. 5.55-6.20 Wales Today. 6.50-7.15 Heddiw. 11.55 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 1.10 pm-1.15 The Scottish News. 5.55-6.20 Reporting Scotland. 11.55 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 3.53 pm-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20 Scene Around Six. 11.55 News and weather. ENGLAND: 5.55 pm-6.20 Regional Magazines. 11.55 Close.

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Peer Gynt. 7.30 Sanctions and Rhodesia: Closedown at 7.55.
10.40 International Cricket. Live coverage of the last one-day game between England and Australia in the present Prudential Trophy series. Peter Walker reports from Headingly, Leeds. Further coverage at 11.25 and 1.20 pm with highlights of the day's play at 11.30.
11.00 Play School. Today's story is Jeanne-Marie in Gay Paris and it is presented by Carol Chell and Fred Harris.
11.25 International Cricket. Further live coverage from Headingly. Closedown at 12.50 pm.
1.20 International Cricket. Six hours of live coverage in the third and final match for the Prudential Trophy. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Tom Graveney and Mike Smith.
7.20 News with a sub-titled synopsis for the hard-of-hearing.
7.35 Play Tennis. Tennis for beginners with Derek Horwood. Lesson four: Service.
8.00 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Arthur visits Leslie Crowther to see his collection of Victorian pot-lids.
8.15 The Two Ronnies. Barker and Corbett in comic sketches and singing funny songs. Diana Dors appears in the series serial, The Worm that Turned.
9.00 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The comic magician has as one of his guests, Ioni, a remarkable puppeteer from France (r).
9.40 The Making of Mankind. Richard Leakey explores the reason why our ancestors gave up their nomadic hunter/gatherer existence to become settled villagers and farmers. The sixth programme in a series of seven.
10.30 The Light of Experience. Ralph Capenerhurst explains the reasons why he gave up his secure job working for British Rail to become an author. It didn't work, but he would do it again.
10.45 Newsnight. The latest news from home and abroad plus an informed account of one of the stories that made today's headlines.
11.30 International Cricket. Highlights of the day's play in the final 55-over match for the Prudential Trophy from Headingly. The action is introduced by Peter Walker. The programme ends at 12.05 am.

Thames

9.30 am For Schools: Understanding areas; 9.47 Living in the Future; 10.05 Mirrors and the Sea; 10.23 Simple mathematics; 10.40 French conversation; 11.05 All about armour; 11.22 Picture Box; 11.39 Canals in history.
12.00 We'll Tell You a Story. Christopher Lillicrap and his guest Alan Golightly read two stories for young children; 12.10 pm Rainbow. Puppets for the very young introduced by Geoffrey Hayes; 12.30 Home and Design. Decorating walls and ceilings with Paul Haines of Sanderson's and Carolyn Warrender of Laura Ashley (r).
1.00 News read by Peter Sissons; 1.20 Thames News with Robin Houston.
1.30 Crown Court. Three members of a vigilante group are accused of assaulting a suspected vandal (r); 2.00 The Riordans. Everyday life in an Irish rural community.
2.30 Film: Before Winter Comes (1968) starring David Niven and Topol. Major Burnside is in charge of a displaced persons camp in Austria at the end of World War Two. His task is to decide who is to be repatriated to the American zone and who to the Russian.
4.15 Cartoon. Tweety Pie in A Bird in a Bonnet; 4.20 Graham's Ark. Graham Thornton visits a show farmyard in Derbyshire; 4.45 Spectrum. Linda Kennedy and Mike Sheridan introduce some unusual music.
5.15 Money-go-Round. Joan Shenton reviews the result of a drug injury dispute and asks is there an easier way of getting redress from drug manufacturers besides going to court.
5.45 News; 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and Rita Carter.
6.35 Crossroads. One of Doris Luke's attackers has a conscience.
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Four more fit and brainy people compete for a place in the semi-finals of this arduous competition.
7.30 Coronation Street. Will Len and Rita Fairclough take the steps that will change their lives?
8.00 Chintz. Some unexpected guests turn up at the Carters and spoil a nice, quiet evening.
8.30 World in Action: To Russia with Love. The story of pro-Soviet French millionaire, Jean-Baptiste Doumeng, who sells Europe's surplus food to Russia very cheaply.
9.00 Quincy. Jack Klugman stars as the California-based pathologist who uses scientific detection to solve crimes.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Sweeney. Det.-Insp. Regan falls for the girlfriend of a crook he has just arrested. But is she what she seems? (r).
11.30 Great Fights of the Seventies. Highlights of the boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton.
12.35 am Close with Paul Johnson reading an extract from a book on the subject of power.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am News.
6.10 Farming Week.
6.30 Today.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.45 Glyn Worsnip: Sound archives.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker.
10.00 News.
10.02 Money Box.
10.45 Morning Story.
11.00 News.
11.05 Changing Habits.
11.50 Poetry Please!
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Lord Peter Wimsey.
1.00 The World At One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternoon Theatre.†
4.35 A Breath of Fresh Air.
4.45 Story Time.
5.00 News.
6.00 News.
6.30 Just a Minute.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Start the Week with Richard Baker.
8.15 The Monday Play.†
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 Science Now.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.

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10.02 am For schools.
10.30 Listen with Mother.
11.00 For schools.
2.00 pm For schools.
5.50 PM.
11.00 Study on 4: Look Who's Talking.
11.30-11.50 Open University: Music interlude; Truancy.
12.10 am Close.

Radio 3

7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert † Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Handel, Vaughan Williams.
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (continued) Telemann, Chopin, Schubert; records.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers † Henry and William Lawes.
9.35 LaSalle String Quartet † Recital: Haydn, Schoenberg.
10.40 Cricket. England v Australia: commentary from Headingley.
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Scores and reports.
7.30 Crowded Hours.
8.15 Capriccio: opera in one act by Strauss (sung in German; records).
10.45 Fantasiestucke † for clarinet and piano by Schumann.
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 The Ideal.

VHF
5.55 am-6.55 Open University: Organic Chemistry; Music interlude; Greek Science.
10.40 Clarinet and piano † recital.
11.25 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra † concert: Weber, Britten, Rimsky-Korsakov.
1.00 News.
1.05 pm BBC Lunchtime Concert † from St John's, Smith Square, London: Haydn, Schoenberg.
2.05 Matinee Musicale † concert: Rossini, Bridge, Elgar, Glinka, Walton.
3.05 Pianists in Profile.
4.05 New Records † Luigi Otto, Janacek.
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure †
7.00-7.30 Beethoven †
11.15 pm-11.55 Open University: the Ghent Altarpiece; Oil Conflicts.
11.55 pm-12.55 am For students in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland only; Altarpiece theme, Government and the nationalized industries; Speech in telephone systems.

Radio 2

5.00 am Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan. † 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 John Dunn.† 2.00 pm Ed Stewart.† 4.00 Steve Jones.† 5.45 News.† 6.00 David Symonds.† 8.00 Folk On 2.† 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton.† 10.00 Town and Country Quiz. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.00 Brian Matthew. † from 12.00. 1.00 am Trucker's Hour.† 2.00-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Andy Peebles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.30 Dave Lee Travis. 4.30 Peter Powell. 7.00 Stayin' Alive. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00 John Walters.† 12.00 Close.

VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):
6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary. 7.45 Short Story. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Music from Scotland. 8.30 The Adventures of Harry Richmond 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Notes from an Observer 9.20 Good Books. 9.35 Interlude 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Mendelssohn and the British Scene 10.15 Borderlands. 10.30 A Touch of Thurber. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 One in Ten. 11.30 Act One. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 pm Brain of Britain 1981 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty four Hours. News Summary. 1.30 Country Style. 1.45 The search for Noah's Ark. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Rock Salad. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 The Adventures of Harry Richmond. 7.45 Peebles' Choice 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours. News Summary. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 Network UK 9.15 Europa. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Round-up: 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 The Captain's Doll. 11.30 America. Europe and the World. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Radio Theatre 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Europa. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-four Hours. News Summary. 5.45 The World Today

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REGIONAL TV

ATV

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Powder Keg (Rod Taylor). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Father Dear Father. 6.00-7.00 ATV Today. 10.30 Left, Right and Centre. 11.10 News. 11.15 New Avengers. 12.15 am-12.30 Something Different.

Southern

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: All for Mary (Kathleen Harrison). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-7.00 Day by Day. 10.35 WKRP in Cincinnati. 11.05 Mind Over Matter. 11.35 Tenspeed and Brown Shoe. 12.30 am Weather followed by Human Being First.

Granada

As Thames except: 11.50 am-12.00 Bubbles. 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Before Winter Comes (David Niven). 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.30 Darts World Knock-out Cup. 12.05 am-12.35 Paris by Night.

Tyne Tees

As Thames except: Starts 9.20 am The Good Word. Catherine Jackson reads Acts 2:37-47. 9.25-9.30 North East News. 1.20 pm-1.30 North East News and Lookaround. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Lost. 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.02 Sale of the Century. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 11.00 S.W.A.T. — "Death Score". 12.00 The Mysterious Power. 12.05 Closedown.

Westward

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Legend of Valentino (Franco Nero, Susanne Pleshette). 3.42 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-7.00 Westward Diary. 10.32 News. 10.36 Target Bowls. 11.05 Mind Over Matter. 11.35 Faith for Life. 11.41 Closedown.

HTV

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Woman in Hiding.* (Ida Lupino, Howard Duff). 5.15-5.45 Clifton House Mystery. 6.00-7.00 Report West. 10.28 News. 10.30-12.20 am Film: Night Visitor (Max von Sydow, Trevor Howard).
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV West except: 10.05 am-10.20 Cymru A'r Mor. 11.05-11.20 Mwy Neu Lai. 12.00-12.10 pm Ffalabalam. 2.00-2.30 Hamdden. 4.45-5.15 Ser. 6.00-6.25 Y Dydd. 6.25-7.00 Report Wales. 8.30-9.00 Yr Wythnos. 10.30-11.00 World in action. 11.00-11.30 Darts Tournament. 11.30-12.30 am Mannix.

Channel

As Thames except: 12.00-12.30 pm Closedown. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Legend of Valentino (Franco Nero, Susanne Pleshette). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20 Cartoon. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 10.28 News. 10.36 Target bowls. 11.05 Mind Over Matter. 11.35 Closedown.

Grampian

As Thames except: Starts 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Dangerous When Wet (Esther Williams, Fernando Lamas). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.30-7.00 Country Focus. 11.30 Rockstage: Madness. 12.30 am-12.35 News.

Scottish

As Thames except 1.20 pm-1.30 News 2.00 Film How to Commit Marriage (Bob Hope, Jane Wyman, Jackie Gleason). 3.45-4.15 Money-go-Round 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.40-7.00 Crimedesk. 10.30 Communicators. 11.00 Afloat 11.30 Rockstage: Madness. 12.30 am-12.35 Late Call.

Yorkshire

As Thames except 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Money-go-Round 2.30-4.15 Film: Woman for Charlie (Dan Blocker, Mickey Rooney, Stubby Kaye) 5.15-5.45 Sha Na Na 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Name on the Knife Blade 10.30 Calendar Question 11.00 Country and Western Specials. 12.00 Closedown.

Ulster

As Thames except. 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.30 Film. Our Relations* (Laurel and Hardy) 3.45 Money-go-Round. 4.13-4.15 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Here's Boomer 10.30 Church Report. 11.00 Golfing Greats 11.30 Bedtime, followed by Closedown.

Border

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Film: Hit Lady (Yvette Mimieux, Joseph Campanella) 3.45-4.15 Money-go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Try for Ten 6.45-7.00 Mary Chipperfield and Friends. 10.30 Rockstage: Madness. 11.30 News 11.33 Closedown.

Anglia

As Thames except: 1.20 pm News 2.00 Money-go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Double Bunk* (Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott, Sid James) 5.15-5.45 University Challenge 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Welcome Back Kotter. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Speedway 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30 am Other Day.

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AMBASSADORS S cc 836 1171 Evgs 8. Tue 3. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. RECORD-BREAKING RUN of J. B. PRIESTLEY'S Mystery Play DANGEROUS CORNER "One of the cleverest plays ever written" Daily Telegraph. Seat prices from £5.00.

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Crowd of 80,000 applauds Pope's return to Vatican

By Our Foreign Staff

The Pope appeared on a balcony inside St Peter's Basilica yesterday and spoke to the public for the first time since the attempt on his life on May 13. His voice was tired but firm.

"I wanted to be with you", he said at a Mass celebrating Pentecost, "it is with great affection for all the faithful that I give the Benediction."

He supported himself with one hand on the balcony as he spoke but, minutes later, he was leaning out of the third-floor window of the papal apartments overlooking St Peter's Square to bless an estimated crowd of 80,000 and recite the Queen of Heaven prayer with them.

The crowd, many wearing straw hats or carrying umbrellas against the hot sun, waved handkerchiefs and applauded for several minutes. Some waved red and white Polish flags and one man lifted high above the crowd a banner which said: "Ben Tornato Papa"—"Welcome back Pope".

Fifty-three cardinals and 250 bishops from around the world, the largest gathering of Roman Catholic prelates since the Second Vatican Council, attended the Mass in St Peter's, dedicated to the 1,600th anniversary of the Council of Constantinople.

The council met in 381 and delivered one of the few religious documents still accepted by Roman Catholics, Orthodox faiths and Protestants.

Apart from the bishops and cardinals there were 20,000 people in the church yesterday, all of whom turned towards the back of the church and broke into applause when the Pope appeared.

He wore red and white robes and a red sash trimmed with gold. A finger on his left hand was still in plaster.

In the square after the Mass, the window of his apartment was at first empty and the crowd seemed disappointed when a taped message was broadcast. It was after the message that the Pope appeared to give the blessing to the exuberant crowd.

He still needs further surgery to dispense with the colostomy carried out at the Policlinico Gemelli in Rome after the assassination attempt. This will probably be done in a month.

Last night the prelates gathered in St Mary Major Basilica for another papal message to mark the 1,550th anniversary of the Council of Ephesus, which agreed that the Virgin Mary was also the Mother of God.

A parallel ceremony was due to be held in Turkey by Patriarch Dimitrios and a high-level Vatican delegation. He and the Pope met in Turkey in November, 1979 and jointly approved increasing contacts between the two churches. A similar process continues between the Vatican and many protestant churches.

On Saturday the Pope appointed a new Archbishop of Canton, a move which indicated improved relations between the Vatican and Peking.

He is Mgr Dominic Tang, the 73-year-old Bishop of Canton who was jailed for 22 years by the communist authorities. He is the first papal appointee to a Chinese archbishopric since 1955.

Vatican sources said that the appointment of Archbishop Tang, who is in Rome for an ecumenical meeting, would not have been made without the tacit consent of Peking.

Most of the two-and-a-half million Catholics in Communist China are grouped in the Patriotic Association, which ignores the Vatican by ordaining priests and appointing its own bishops.

Although today's appointment indicated an improvement in relations, Vatican observers doubted that a return of China's Catholics to papal authority was imminent.

Photograph, page 5



Doomed Humber ferry

The diesel electric-powered paddle steamer Farringford (left) the last of its line, which was due to have made its final crossing on the Humber ferry service last night, has been reprieved for another week because of delays in opening the £91m Humber Bridge to traffic. The ferry's skipper, Captain Charles King (above) stands on the deck of his doomed vessel.

The bridge, which is eight years behind its original schedule for several reasons, has been about to be opened for the past three months, but bad weather has held it up.

It is due to be officially opened by the Queen on July 12, but traffic could be flowing next week.

Israeli offer to Egypt

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, June 7

The Israeli Government has agreed that the costly network of civilian installations in the occupied Sinai town of Ofira should be handed over to Egypt in April, on condition that they are used by United States troops belonging to the new multinational force which will patrol the area.

The installations include three modern hotels, 12 cafés and restaurants, air-conditioned tennis courts, a new pier and residential accommodation built for the 1,200 Jewish residents who will have to evacuate the town before the handover.

Details of the agreement were worked out during last Thursday's cordial summit meeting in Ofira between Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister and President Sadat of Egypt. They were first made public today after a session of the Israeli Cabinet called to discuss the outcome of the first Egyptian-Israeli summit for 18 months.

$1m FINE FOR BODY FREEZE

Los Angeles, June 7—Robert Nelson, the former president of a society which froze bodies to await a day when science found a way of restoring life, and Joseph Klockgether, an undertaker, were ordered today to pay nearly $1m (£513,000) in damages.

Relatives of the dead had filed a lawsuit alleging fraud. They claimed that the corpses, which were put in capsules to await a scientific breakthrough, were not kept in a perpetually frozen state.

Washington agrees to missile talks

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, June 7

Talks between senior American and Russian officials are due to take place in the next few weeks to prepare for formal negotiations later in the year on limiting medium-range missiles in Europe.

Official American sources confirmed this weekend that Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, and Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador, in Washington, had worked out an arrangement last month for senior aides to meet regularly during the next few months to prepare for full-scale arms limitations talks between Mr Haig and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in September.

The preliminary talks will be held between Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the Assistant Secretary of State for European affairs, and Mr Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the number two in the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

The news that talks are to go ahead will be greeted with relief in Western Europe particularly by West Germany. European leaders concerned by the strong anti-Soviet line being followed by the Reagan Administration feared that Washington would drag its feet in dealing with the arms limitation issue.

Under a plan which Mr Haig outlined at the Nato foreign ministers' meetings in Rome last month, full-scale negotiations on reducing medium-range missiles will begin after the Haig-Gromyko talks in September.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend premiere of film *The Competition*, Columbia Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7.50 pm.

The Prince of Wales, visits Paris to attend ball for Mountbatten Memorial Trust, departs Heathrow Airport, 2.40 pm.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends Beating Retreat by the Irish Regiments on Horse Guards Parade, 6.30 pm.

Princess Margaret attends preview of *Barnum*, London Palladium, 7.25 pm.

Livery Hall open to the public, Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, 2.15 pm.

Talks, Lectures:

Sargent's Portraits, by Monica Seymour, Tate Gallery, 1 pm.

Celtic cremations from Hertfordshire, by David Williams, British Museum, 11.30 am.

Film time: Leonardo da Vinci and John Constable, National Gallery, 1 pm.

Exhibitions:

Drawings and gouaches by Robin Macfarlan, University Library, Bath, 9 am-8.45 pm.

Man Space '81, 7 Dials Gallery, 52 Earlham Street, 10 am-6 pm.

Exhibition of Clarsach, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 9.30 pm.

Ancient Olympic Games, Leicester Museum, 96 New Walk, Leicester, 10 am-5.30 pm.

Business to Business exhibition, Earls Court, 10-6.

Showspace Summer '81, Wakefield Art Gallery, Wakefield, 10.30 am-5 pm.

Work by Richard Cole, Heffer Gallery, Sidney Street, Cambridge, 9 am-5.30 pm.

Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers, annual show, Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, 10 am-5 pm.

Lunchtime music:

Organ recital by Catherine Ennis, Southwark Cathedral, 1.10 pm.

Peter Arnold, piano, plays music by Fauré, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 1.05 pm.

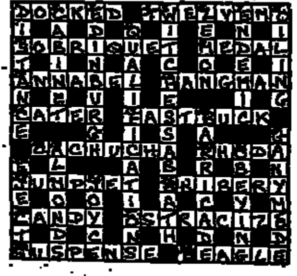
Piano recital by Danielle Salamon, St Lawrence Jewry, 1 pm.

The Times Crossword No. 15,546

ACROSS
1 Herb's uncommonly shy—so quiet (6).
5 Chief priest said to spend money on anti-flood precaution (8).
9 Haydn's genetic work (8).
10 Declining to take the top off upholstery material (6).
11 Learner in the boat comes to the top (8).
12 Bullet makes twice the stupid noise (6).
13 Fabric trimmer and put back (8).
15 She is one's divinity (4).
17 A jolly 2's first host (4).
19 Ned erred badly in getting plastered (8).
20 Opposed to state direction (6).
21 Traffic roundabout? (4, 4).
22 Draw out relic? It's included (6).
23 Bothered to make medal out of Russian coin (8).
24 End of tramline maybe (8).
25 Afternoon nap—that's the way in South Africa (6).

DOWN
2 Old party men kiss Tory? Terrible! (8).
3 Critic's at sea with these implements (8).
4 One record upset, held by royalty. The basic truth (9).
5 Grimm children confounded by ten herald angels (6, 3, 6).
6 Like that renovated volume "It's Spring again" (7).
7 Inclement weather, love? So pronounced by one in Lapland (8).
8 Leadership by Governor Stone, o' New York (8).
14 Rouen Rose—a new variety? Wrong (9).
15 Small measure concerning what's inherent (8).
16 Situated within the foreign Ministry (8).
17 Charming girl clever in outside appearance (8).
18 Saucy as many a monkey found in a trading area (8).
19 Composer and explorer in one (7).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,545



First nights

Theatre

Having a Ball, Lyric, Hammersmith, tonight, 7; Waiting for Godot, Round House, Tuesday, 7; No End of Blame, Royal Court Theatre, Wednesday, 7; Charles Charming's Challenges, Apollo Theatre, Wednesday, 7; London Calling, Square Thing Studio, Stratford East, Wednesday; Barnum, Palladium, Thursday, 7.

Cinema

The Last Metro, Curzon, tonight; The Competition, Columbia, Tuesday; Gregory's Girl, Screen Islington, Thursday.

Last chance to see...

Quentin Crisp, Mayfair Theatre, and Ipi Tombi, Cambridge Theatre both end on Saturday.

Church music

Norwich Cathedral; June 10, organ recital by Michael Nicholas, 8.

Canterbury Cathedral; June 9, organ recital by Gillian Weir, 8.

Lincoln Cathedral; June 8, organ recital by John March 7.

York Minster; June 9, concert by the Hallé Orchestra, 7.30: June 13, Chapter House Choir concert, 8.

Durham Cathedral; June 10, concert by the USAF Band 7.30: concert by the choir and orchestra of the English Martyrs' School, Hartlepool, 7.30.

Hereford Cathedral; June 11, organ recital by Andrew Millington, 7.30.

St Paul's Cathedral; June 13, Royal School of Church Music's Annual London Diocesan Festival (1,000 voices), 5.30.

Llandaff Cathedral; June 9, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra performs first concert of 10-day Llandaff Festival, 7.30.

St John's, Smith Square; June 11, concert by Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra, 7.

Best selling cars

New car sales in the United Kingdom in May at 135,306 were 5.56 per cent higher than in May last year. The top selling models were:

1, Ford Cortina (15,484), 2, Ford Escort (11,530), 3, Morris Ital/Marina (8,553), 4, Ford Fiesta (8,239), 5, Austin Metro (7,428), 6, Austin Morris Mini (4,790), 7, Vauxhall Chevette (3,937), 8, Austin Allegro (3,686), 9, Vauxhall Cavalier (3,111), 10, Datsun Cherry (2,878).

Roads

London and the South-east: Blackwall Tunnel northern approach on Brunswick Road closed to southbound traffic between Abbots Road and East India Dock Road. Delays possible. Gas repairs begin at 9.30 am on the A24 London to Worthing road at Southwater, near Horsham. Single line traffic operating. Special traffic arrangements are planned this evening in Westminster due to the Beating Retreat on Horse Guards' Parade.

Midlands: M6 roadworks continue between Junctions 9 (Wednesbury) and 10 (Walsall). Junction 10 is closed and you cannot enter or leave the motorway heading north at Junction 9.

Wales and the West: A30/A386 at Okehampton. Gas repairs at Market Street with single-line traffic. Southbound lane of A38 Exeter to Plymouth road between South Brent and Bittaford closed with traffic sharing northbound carriageway.

North: Centre and outside lanes of the southbound carriageway of the M1 are closed between Junctions 26 (Nottingham) and 27 (Hucknall). Speed restriction of 20 mph.

Scotland: Sewer repairs begin at 9.15 am on the westbound carriageway of Hamilton Road, east of Carmyle Avenue in Glasgow.

Latest pamphlets

1981-82 Steam Year Book: Lists over 750 places to visit, ranging from preserved railways to canals, ships, aircraft and military vehicle museums. TEE Publishing, 216 Coventry Road, Hinckley, Leicester. £1 post free.

Bygones: Dick Joice who has been presenting a popular Anglia TV programme about old curiosities, has gathered another collection of items featured on his programmes. They vary from the old craft of pargetting (plastering on exterior walls) to collecting Victorian photographs, old locks and keys and domestic oil lamps. Boydell and Brewer Ltd., PO Box 9, Woodbridge, Suffolk. £3.95.

Premium bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Savings Bond prizes, announced on Saturday are:

£100,000: 9YB 780431 (winner lives in East Sussex); £50,000: 19VZ 710501 (London borough of Barnet); £25,000: 19VT 767469 (Hertfordshire).

Good value buys

The following are rated good value in the June issue of *Which?* magazine:

Cine camera: Canon 514XL £118; electric irons: Philips HD1121 £7.75; Rowenta DA08 £16.25 (not for left-handed users); Tefal 1518 £16; less hazardous aerosol fly-killers: Doom, 213g 62p; Winfield, 300g 49p.

Air travel

If you are planning a visit to the United States and can travel on June 29 or 30, tomorrow is the last qualifying day for 21-day advance purchase Super Apex fares at cheaper rates. From July 1 to September 15 peak rates apply with most airlines. Super Apex tickets are valid for six months.

Auctions today

Christie's, King Street: Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art 11; Christie's, South Kensington: English and Continental Prints 10.30 and 2; Old and Modern Silver 2; Oriental and Islamic Paintings, Prints and Scrolls 2; Phillips, Blenheim Street: Watercolours 11; Furniture, Carpets and Objects 11; Prints 2.

Today's anniversaries

The prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, died at Medina, AD 632; Robert Schumann, composer, was born at Zwickau, Saxony, 1810; and John Everett Millais, painter, at Southampton, 1829.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Education (Scotland) Bill, report stage. Select committees. Public Accounts on finance for nationalized industries. Witnesses: Treasury (4.45). Treasury and Civil Service on finance for nationalized industries. Witnesses: National industries Chairmen's group (4.45). Energy on conservation. Witnesses: Energy Technology support unit. Department of Energy (5.30).

Sporting fixtures

Cricket: Prudential Trophy (10.45), England v Australia, at Leeds. County championship (11.30 to 6.30): Derbyshire v Warwickshire, at Derby; Glamorgan v Surrey, at Swansea; Gloucestershire v Yorkshire, at Bristol; Middlesex v Somerset, at Lord's; Northamptonshire v Kent, at Northampton; Sussex v Lancashire, at Hove; Worcestershire v Essex, at Worcester. Other matches: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire, at Cambridge; Oxford University v MCC, at Oxford.

Tennis: Stella Artois tournament, at Queen's Club, west Kensington; Surbiton tournament.

Racing: Meetings at Leicester and Lingfield Park.

Motor cycling: Isle of Man TT.

Yachting: Olympic Week, at Weymouth.

Bowls: Britain v Rest of the World, at Worthing.

The papers

The Western Morning News, Plymouth, says today that the Civil Service unions have got themselves into a tight corner by their intransigent attitude and the Government has no choice but to be an immovable object. The Western Mail in Cardiff points out: "It is the innocent and the poor who are taking the brunt in this wrangle."

The Washington Star reports that President Reagan is in no hurry to find a replacement for Mr Ernest Lefever who withdrew as candidate for the post of Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights on Friday after a Senate rebuff.

Personal column; Births, Marriages and Deaths are today on Page 22

Weather

A depression will move NE across Scotland with troughs of low pressure crossing many parts of the UK.

Forecasts from 6 am to midnight

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London, SE, central S England, Channel Islands: Mostly cloudy with rain in places at first, dry and bright later; wind SW, fresh; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E, NW, central N, NE England: Mostly dry, bright periods developing; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

SW England, S, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle in W, drier in E; wind SW, fresh; max temp 15C (59F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain; wind variable, becoming NE, fresh; max temp 11 to 14C (52 to 57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Continuing changeable and windy in places; becoming colder.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, strong, occasionally gale; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong, occasionally gale, decreasing to moderate to fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate.

Sun rises: 4.45 am. Sun sets: 9.15 pm. Moon sets: 1.18 am. Moon rises: 11.25 am. First quarter: Tomorrow.

Lighting up time

London 9.45 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.54 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.25 pm to 3.59 am
Manchester 10.5 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 9.59 pm to 4.43 am

Satellite predictions

Figures give time of visibility, where rising, maximum elevation, and direction of setting. Asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

LONDON: Cosmos 151R 22.27-22.34; WSW; 65 NW; ENE. Cosmos 956R 1.0-1.03; W; 15 NW; NNW. Dod 23.08-23.11; SW; 30 WSW; NW. Intercosmos 14R 22.50-22.56; NW; 30 WSW; SSW. Seasat 23.31-23.40; NNE; 70 W; SW.

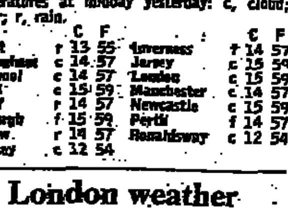
MANCHESTER: Cosmos 151R 1.55-2.02 WNW; 70 ENE; ESE. Cosmos 956R 1.0-1.04; WSW; 25 NW; N. Dod 23.08-23.12; SSW; 40W; NNW. Intercosmos 14R 22.49-22.56; NW; 35 WSW; S. Seasat 23.31-23.40; NNE; 75 SSW; SSW.

Yesterday's weather

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	13	55	Inverness	r	14	57
Birmingham	c	14	57	Jersey	c	15	59
Blackpool	c	14	57	London	c	15	59
Bristol	c	15	59	Manchester	c	14	57
Cardiff	r	14	57	Newcastle	c	15	59
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Perth	f	14	57
Glasgow	r	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	12	54
Guernsey	c	12	54				

London weather



SATURDAY

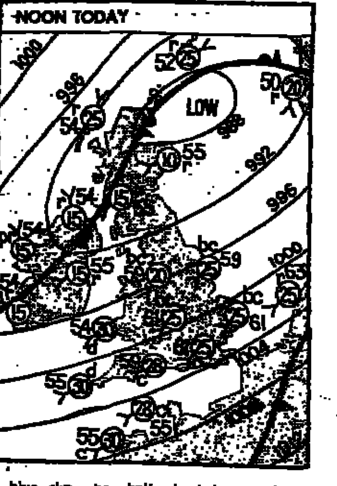
Temp: Max 7 am to 7 pm, 17C (63F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 7 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 7 pm, 4.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,012.5 millibars, falling.

YESTERDAY

Temp: Max 7 am to 7 pm, 16C (61F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 7 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 7 pm; 0.02in; Sun: 24hr to 7 pm, 2.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,009 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	6.25	3.8	7.17	35
Avonmouth			12.30	11.3
Belfast	4.03	3.5	4.46	.31
Cardiff			12.13	10.6
Devonport	11.05	4.6	11.17	4.8
Dover	3.57	5.9	4.19	6.0
Glasgow	5.34	4.8	6.19	4.2
Harwich	4.56	3.9	5.17	3.7
Holyhead	3.25	5.1	4.00	4.6
Hull	11.20	6.8		
Leith	7.54	5.0	8.24	4 9
Liverpool	4.15	8.4	4.51	8.0
London Bridge	6.56	7.0	7.12	6.5
Lowestoft	2.44	2.3	2.27	2.5
Margate	5.06	4.5	5.17	4.5
Milford Haven	11.26	5.9	11.48	5.9
Oban	11.08	3.0	11.14	3.2
Portland			12.03	1.5
Portsmouth	4.12	4.3	5.02	4.3
Shoreham	4.00	5.5	4.40	5.6
Southampton	3.58	4.0	4.43	4.1
Swansea	11.34	8.1	11.55	8 0
Tees	8.52	4.8	9.34	4.6
Walton-on-Naze	4.41	4.0	4.56	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Yesterday at the resorts

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
E COAST					
Bridlington	4.4	—	17	63	Sun ints
Clacton	3.9	—	16	61	Sun ints
Margate	2.6	—	16	61	Cloudy
S COAST					
Hastings	3.6	—	14	57	Cloudy
Eastbourne	2.7	.01	14	57	Drizzle
Bognor	0.7	—	14	57	Cloudy
Southsea	0.6	—	14	57	Cloudy
Sandown	1.9	—	17	63	Cloudy
Exmouth	1.3	.12	12	54	Rain pm
Torquay	1.1	.19	*	*	Rain pm
Falmouth	2.5	.35	13	55	Rain am
W COAST					
Morecambe	1.1	.03	15	59	Rain pm
Blackpool	4.2	.04	15	59	Rain pm
Anglesey	1.4	.20	13	55	Rain pm
Ilfracombe	1.3	.05	16	61	Drizz pm

Best and worst

Highest day temperature: Lossiemouth, Nottingham, Scarborough, Cromer: 17C (63F). Lowest day max: Lerwick, Eskdalemuir, Brawdy (Dyfed), Exmouth: 12C (54F). Highest rainfall: Penzance, 0.37in. Highest sunshine: Wick, 10.5hr.

Weather abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	22	72	Cologne	f	20	68	Madrid	s	30	86	Rome	s	25	77
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Copenhagen	c	16	61	Majorca	s	28	82	Salzburg	s	23	73
Alexandria	s	29	84	Corfu	s	26	79	Malaga	s	24	75	Sao Paulo	f	18	64
Algiers	s	25	77	Dallas	s	31	88	Malta	s	27	81	San Fr'cisco	f	32	90
Amsterdam	f	17	63	Dublin	r	12	54	Melbourne	s	13	55	Santiago	s	19	66
Barbados	f	29	84	Dubrovnik	s	22	72	Mexico City	c	20	68	Seoul	s	28	82
Athens	s	24	75	Faro	s	26	79	Miami	f	32	90	Singapore	c	31	88
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence	s	26	79	Milan	s	25	77	Stockholm	r	14	57
Barcelona	s	24	75	Frankfurt	f	22	72	Montreal	s	18	64	Strasbourg	s	24	75
Beirut	s	25	77	Funchal	f	23	73	Moscow	c	24	75	Sydney	f	16	61
Belgrade	f	20	68	Geneva	s	23	73	Munich	s	20	68	Tangier	s	29	84
Berlin	s	22	72	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Nairobi	c	23	73	Teheran			
Bermuda	c	27	81	Helsinki	f	18	64	Naples				Tel Aviv	s	24	75
Biarritz	s	27	81	Hongkong	f	27	81	New York	s	23	73	Tenerife	s	22	72
Boulogne	c	13	55	Innsbruck	f	19	66	Nice	c	21	70	Tokyo	s	17	63
Bordeaux	s	27	81	Istanbul	s	28	82	Oslo	f	15	59	Toronto	r	24	75
Boston	s	26	79	Jeddah	s	32	90	Ottawa				Tunis	s	29	84
Brussels	s	17	63	Johannesburg	s	14	57	Paris	f	21	70	Valencia	s	26	79
Budapest	c	21	70	Las Palmas	s	23	73	Prague	c	24	75	Vancouver	c	13	55
Cairo	s	15	59	Lisbon	s	24	75	Reykjavik	s	7	45	Venice	s	24	75
Capetown				Locarno	s	23	73	Rhodes	s	27	81	Vienna	s	25	77
Casablanca	s	23	73	Los Angeles	s	22	72	Riyadh	s	39	102	Warsaw	c	20	68
Chicago	f	29	84	Luxembourg	f	20	68	Rio de Janeiro	c	26	79	Washington	s	28	82
												Zurich	s	23	73